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FINANCIAL YEAR IN UNITED STATES

Review of the Disturbance and the Progress Towards Recovery

CONDITIONS MUCH BETTER

Heavy Issues of Securities and Over-Speculation Brought the Crisis

New York, Dec. 30.—The year 1907 has been one in which there has been making of financial history. It will go down with 1857, 1873 and 1892, as one of the panic years in American finance, but despite the remarkable stress and strain to which the financial structure has been subjected, the year closes with conditions stronger and safer than they were when the year began.

The year opened with the feeling in conservative quarters that speculation had already been carried to an unwarranted height and prudence was imposed by the conditions upon bankers and capitalists. That this feeling operated to some extent throughout the year, and that there was a scarcity of capital for absorbing new securities, was indicated by the diminished transactions in stocks and bonds on the New York stock exchange. The number of shares dealt in 1907 fell to 195,169,192. Bonds sales were \$561,651,500. The number of stocks dealt in 1906 was 238,424,234, and the bonds sales for 1906 were \$670,817,332.

The source of the pressure upon the money market is indicated by the large issues of securities which took place during several years prior to the crisis. The statistics compiled by a leading financial journal in Brussels showed that the total issues throughout the world for the five years ending with 1906 were about \$3,400,000,000 annually. In the United States the issue of stocks for the first eleven months of 1907 was \$757,259,900, and of bonds and notes \$1,073,390,000, making up a total of \$1,831,349,900. The securities of all kinds issued in the United States for five years ending with 1906, have been estimated by experts at \$2,454,978,000.

The extent to which capital resources has been strained was not revealed in a striking manner to the general public until the "silent panic" of March 14, now almost overshadowed by later events, but at the time one of the most serious and remarkable breaks which the market has ever suffered. The loss of 19 points in Amalgamated Copper in a single day, 21 points in American Smelting, 22 in Reading and 25 in Union Pacific, added to considerable previous declines at a slower rate, wiped out margins, compelled the calling of loans and wrecked the fortunes of many speculators.

It was not until mid-October that the storm broke in all its force, with the collapse of the corner in United Copper, the appeal of the Moore-Heintz banks to the clearing-house for help and according to extend help until the old controlling interest was eliminated.

Events moved fast and furiously on the heels of these revelations. The Knickerbocker Trust company was closed on October 22, after paying out about \$8,000,000 in cash, and runs began upon the Trust Company of America, which called for the disbursement of \$34,000,000, and upon the Lincoln Trust Co., which suffered a nearly proportionate loss of deposits. The suspension of cash payments by practically all the banks and the decision of Saturday, October 26, to issue clearing house certificates on the following Monday, marked the culminating stage of the crisis.

The number of national banks on November 30, 1907, after allowing for mergers and liquidations, was 6,585, and their authorized capital was \$210,609,775. Since the latter part of 1899,

the number of national banks has increased by more than three thousand, while their capital has increased by about \$303,000,000. Soon after the panic broke on November 14, 1907, the total bank circulation was \$609,998,468. This measure then taken by Secretary Cortelyou to promote circulation resulted in an increase of about \$75,000,000 during the next seven weeks, so that the circulation stood on Dec. 21, 1907 at \$683,795,923.

Accompanying the increase of bank notes circulation, in order to meet the pressure for currency, was the dramatic movement of nearly \$100,000,000 of gold from Europe in a period of about six weeks. This inward movement of gold was facilitated by the sharp arrest of imports of luxuries and a combined effort by producers, railways and bankers to ship to Europe our farm products during the autumn season. Imports of merchandise, which were \$125,000,443 in August, fell to \$110,000,109 for November. Exports, which had been \$127,270,447 in August, advanced to \$204,444,860 in November.

From the various sources, the increase in bank note circulation of \$75,000,000, the gold imports of \$106,000,000, and the public deposits of \$78,000,000—a total fund of about \$259,000,000 was added by the close of the year to the currency in circulation in the country during the summer. While much of this currency disappeared into hoards during the panic, its reappearance in a period of comparative inactivity, it is feared, may be reflected by speculation in the stock market and an outward movement in the spring.

One of the incidents of the period of decline in bank resources has been a fall in the market value of silver. Silver has dropped down not far above the lowest point touched in its history. The price was 21 7-16 pence on December 27.

The old year ends with prices of commodities and securities much lower than a year ago, and with liquidation largely advanced in the banking field. If not in the field of commodities, the great stock of currency absorbed during the period of panic is returning to the banks, and the action just taken by the Secretary of the Treasury to recall a part of the deposits of public money from the banks will tend to check the outward movement of gold, which in some quarters is expected within the next few months.

The financial structure of the country has stood the strain with only a limited number of serious disasters, and will enter upon the new year under much stronger and safer conditions than it began the old year.

WINNIPEG CONCERN PROCEEDS AGAINST

Manager of Northwestern Supply House Brought Into Court

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—An information was sworn out today before Magistrate McMillan against Geo. A. L. Samuels, manager of the Northwestern Supply House, Winnipeg. The information states that Samuels has appropriated to his own use the sum of \$21.43, being an amount received by him from Geo. P. Barry, of Stettin, Sask., for goods from the Northwestern Supply House.

This concern has been doing a mail order business in the city for the past six months, and lately the police had received many complaints, but through the fact that no one could be secured who would swear out a warrant, they have been unable to do anything in the matter.

It is said that Samuels' victims are numerous, and developments of sensational character are sure to take place. Lately the Northwestern Supply House Company, Ltd., has changed its name, and according to a circular it is known as the British American Manufacturing Company, 137 Bannatyne east. The new company says it will assume all the liabilities of the old firm. A cheque sent out as a refund for goods not forwarded was today presented at the bank and cashed down, there not being sufficient funds.

The attorney-general's department, the police and newspaper offices have had many complaints as to the way this man did business.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, arrived here this morning, and is registered at the King Edward. He appears to be in good health, but his hearing seems to be still affected.

Lumbermen's Convention

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—A convention of the lumbermen of the coast and mountain mills will meet in Nelson on January 10. Matters of great importance will be dealt with.

Colorado Coal Land Frauds

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Judge R. E. Lewis, of the Federal Court, today quashed all indictments and sustained all the demurrers in coal land frauds cases, thereby releasing about fifty prominent defendants from prosecution.

Coal Miners' Wages

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The board of conciliation which dealt with the dispute of the Strathcona, Alb., coal mines, has made a report, which has been accepted by the parties concerned. The finding recognizes the union, the check-off system and eight-hour day, establishes a semi-monthly system of pay and fixes the rate of pay at \$3.25 per ton of screened coal mined within the city limits.

Pettibone Very Ill

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—The illness of C. A. Pettibone today caused an adjournment until tomorrow of his trial for alleged complicity in the Steueneberg assassination. Last night Pettibone became very ill, and was taken to a hospital. For a time his condition was extremely critical, but today he has much improved. It is thought that Pettibone's malady is incurable. It is doubtful whether the trial will run its full course.

EARTH DISTURBED BY HEAVY QUAKE

Seismograph in Several Observatories Record Severe Tremors

MAY HAVE WROUGHT HAVOC

Scene Supposed to Be Near Coast of Central or South America

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Early this morning an earthquake of large proportions was recorded on the seismograph at the state museum station in this city. The vibrations of the needles set upon both machines were severe, those of the north-south pendulum measuring 2½ inches in maximum amplitude.

The disturbance began at 12:33½ a. m., and it took an hour for it to pass through this region. The preliminary tremors lasted 8½ minutes. The earthquake appears to have occurred at about 3,500 miles from Albany, with the centre of the disturbance in the Cordilleran region of Central or South America, or else out in the Pacific ocean, west of Mexico.

Laibach, Austro-Hungary, Dec. 30.—A series of earthquakes of great force were recorded at the observatory this morning, which, according to Prof. Boll, must have had their centre in the mainland between Mexico and Colombia, and produced formidable effects. The disturbance, as shown by the recording sheets, lasted four hours.

Ryde, Isle of Wight, Dec. 30.—The seismographical instruments at the Ryde Hydrographic observatory registered an earthquake this morning. Prof. John Milne, the well known authority on seismographical disturbances, believes that the present disturbance, if not of submarine origin, may prove to have been most destructive.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A fairly large earthquake disturbance was recorded at the observatory here this morning. The disturbance was greatest between 11:45 and 12:55 a. m., and the distance was 3,500 miles from Toronto.

Mayor of Hamilton

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—Mayor Thomas J. Stewart was re-elected by acclamation today.

Dr. Nesbitt Sues the Globe

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A second suit for libel has been entered against the Toronto Globe by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, one of the mayoralty candidates, for statements which Nesbitt claims reflect upon his character. Notice was also served on the Globe, stating that an injunction will be applied for to restrain the publication of any further articles.

AN EXTRA SESSION CALLED IN NEVADA

Governor Sparks Summons Legislature to Meet on January 14

Carson, Nev., Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks this afternoon called an extra session of the legislature to convene on January 14.

The call says in part: "Believing that an extraordinary occasion now exists, and one which the legislature is best prepared to solve, it becomes my duty by proclamation to convene the legislature at Carson city, Nevada on the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1908. This request has been made by many citizens. The object is to adjust by legislation, if possible, the controversy existing between the miners and the mine owners at Goldfield, this state. Under the rule of the legislature above cited the governor shall state to both houses when organized the purpose for which they have been convened. When that time arrives I will endeavor to outline to you the legislation required, and will give hearty co-operation in the attempt to secure to every citizen of Nevada their just rights, freely to be exercised under the law."

Bishop Andrews Dying

New York, Dec. 30.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal church, lies at the point of death in his home in Brooklyn. Late tonight his physicians said he had only a few hours to live.

Accused of Murder

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Omer Rochette and his wife were arrested here last week on information furnished by the Canadian secret service, were today returned to Quebec, the scene of the supposed murder of Rochette's former wife.

Smallpox in Toronto School

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The medical health officer this morning found six children who had been attending the Lansdowne public school to be affected by smallpox. The patients, who were taken to the Swiss Cottage hospital, were, with one exception, girls under fourteen years of age.

St. John Man's Suicide

St. John, N.B., Dec. 30.—It was learned tonight that Wm. S. Barker, a leading stock broker and member of a prominent St. John family, whose death was announced this morning, really committed suicide. Mr. Barker was found in the morning by his nurse and housekeeper with a bullet wound in his head, and a small revolver clamped in his hand. He had been ill for some time, and had gone through a good deal of worry.

President Returns
Washington, Dec. 30.—The president arrived at 8:56 this morning.

Henrietta Crossman Bankrupt
New York, Dec. 30.—A petition of involuntary bankruptcy filed yesterday by Henrietta Crossman, the actress.

Ottawa Mayoralty
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Mayor D'Arcy Scott was elected by acclamation today for a second term. The first board of control of four will be chosen next Monday from the eight candidates nominated today.

Much Seed Grain Wanted
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The department of trade and commerce has received from the grain associations of Saskatchewan and Alberta a request for seed grain for a million and a half acres in those provinces. The request will be referred to the provincial authorities.

Address From Viscount Middleton
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Viscount Middleton, who as Hon. Sir John Brodribb was a member of the Balfour government, and who is visiting Earl Grey, will address the next meeting of the Canadian club of Ottawa at its luncheon on Jan. 11.

Grain Traffic
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Grain receipts at points on the line of the C. P. R. on Saturday amounted to 86,000 bushels. Of this amount 49,000 bushels were wheat and 37,000 bushels other grains. The total grain receipts to date this year have amounted to 2,177,000 bushels of wheat and 1,737,000 bushels of other grains.

Nicolet Bye-Election
Montreal, Dec. 30.—The bye-election in Nicolet county to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the resignation of Charles Devlin, who accepted a portfolio in the Quebec cabinet, was held today and resulted in the election of Dr. Turcotte, the Liberal candidate, who defeated J. C. Hereon, Conservative, by a majority of about 700.

California Train Accident
Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—A special from Aruckee, Cal., says three cars of a westbound Southern Pacific passenger train left the track at Floriston, Nevada county. A tramp was killed and the passengers were injured. A wrecking train was sent to the scene from Truckee. A report that the train had gone into the Truckee river proved untrue.

Child Fatally Burned.
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The child of Fred Dimolee, a motorman, rolled out of bed in his home at Mechanicsville last night. Its legs touched a hot stove-pipe and were so badly burned that death followed.

Montreal's Light Contract
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C. W. Spencer Resigns
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Mr. Magrath Accepts.
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—C. A. Magrath has accepted the nomination tendered to him on November 15 by the Conservative convention held at Lethbridge for the federal riding of Medicine Hat, and will contest that riding at the next general election as an independent Conservative.

Alberta Moral Reform.
Red Deer, Alb., Dec. 30.—Rev. W. G. Fortune has been offered the position of field secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform league, at a salary of \$2,000 and expenses. The offer came unsolicited from the executive of the league.

Repatriated Canadians.
Medicine Hat, Dec. 30.—At a Christmas dinner at T. W. Folle's ranch, a mile south of the town, there were present thirty-seven people, one of whom was a Canadian, two were Americans, and thirty-four were repatriated Canadians, who had gone from Canada to the United States, lived there for a time, and had returned to Canada to settle in Alberta.

Baseball On New Year's Day.
Calgary, Dec. 30.—Several times in the past have the American and the Canadian fan men of this city crossed bats on the baseball diamond, and the Canadians proved themselves the better players of the American national game. A game has been arranged for New Year's Day, and the Americans, heavyweights are promising to redeem their defeats of the past.

Importation of Mechanics
Montreal, Dec. 30.—A special London cable says: Louis Leopold, agent here for the Canadian Manufacturers' association, indignantly repudiates the allegation made against him during the commons debate at Ottawa on Dec. 17. He says it is absolutely untrue that he sent a number of Americans to Canada for the association without having work for them. No men were sent from his office without work to go to, and without definite orders engaging them from Canada.

Closing Consular Agencies.
Calgary, Dec. 30.—The United States consular office at Lethbridge, Fernie and Frank, Alberta, have been closed, and the business handled by these offices will in the future pass through the hands of the Hon. Scott Hotchkiss, American consul in this city. It is claimed that over eighteen hundred cars have passed through Lethbridge and Fernie this year, and those cities feel that they are being slighted by the United States consular service.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.
Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Up to the 26th of December the total clearances of Winnipeg banks this year amounted to \$598,498,942. During the remaining four clearing days before the end of the year there will be added to the total about \$10,000,000, which places the volume of Winnipeg's bank clearings well over the \$600,000,000 mark, or an increase for the year of approximately 20 per cent. The total for last year was \$504,555,014. The increases annually for the past two years are as follows: 1906, \$504,555,014, gain 35.6 per cent.; 1907, \$608,000,000, gain 20 per cent.

JAPAN'S CONTROL OF MANCHURIA

Russian Agent Finds Chinese Eastern Railway Nearly Frozen Out

ANOTHER ACT OF TYRANNY

China Forbidden by Japanese to Extend Hsin Min Tun Railway

Peking, Dec. 30.—Ivan Shipoff, agent of the Russian finance ministry, has just concluded a three-day investigation of the serious problems which confront the Chinese Eastern railway, and as a result, he has recommended that expenditures be reduced in every direction possible.

This action is construed here as a reflection of the hopelessness of the Russian position in Manchuria. The railroad was isolated during the Russo-Japanese war, and the Japanese policy since then has practically strangled it. It is believed that the deficit of the Chinese Eastern railway for 1908 will amount to \$15,000,000. Traffic over the line is declining, particularly at Harbin.

It is also stated that the Japanese have forbidden China to extend the Hsin Min Tun railroad in the direction of Tsitsikha. This step has aroused exasperation among the Englishmen who have capital invested in the line, and it is characterized as another evidence of the monopolistic attitude of the Japanese in Manchuria.

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Quebec Bridge Disaster.

"The voluminous testimony of the consulting engineer of the Quebec bridge, which fills several pages of one of the contemporary engineering journals, is, to say the least, very disquieting," says the Scientific American. "It is evident, however, from the statements of the consulting engineer, that the enterprise labored under two serious drawbacks, namely, a scarcity of funds and the absence of any chief engineer on the bridge, present on the ground, and possessing the authority to act instantly in those cases of emergency which are certain to arise during the prosecution of a work of this magnitude.

"The duties of the chief engineer, devolved upon the consulting engineer, a gentleman of unquestioned ability and experience, but whose age is well on to threescore years and ten, and whose physical disabilities were such as to prevent his making any visit to the work. Foreseeing the necessity for expert engineering inspection, both at the works of the bridge company and at the site of the bridge, he earnestly advocated the earlier stages of the work, the training and selection of a body of expert inspectors, possessing the necessary technical knowledge to see that, both in the shops and at the bridge, the work was done with strict adherence to the best practice, and capable of dealing with the emergencies which inevitably arise during the construction of unprecedented engineering

structures. He met with only partial success, and, at least as far as some members of the inspection and erecting staff were concerned, he did not consider that the engineering work was in the hands of men who were quite up to the expert requirements of work of this stupendous magnitude and difficulty.

"One is astonished to learn that he had to make complaint upon such absolutely vital points as the fit of the pins in the eyebars and connections, and the accuracy of the butt joints in the posts and other compression members. His detailed story of the discovery of the eccentricity in the bottom chord, the making light of it by the engineer in charge, and the tardy and roundabout measures taken to stop all further additions to the weight on the bridge, read more like the story of the building of some country bridge than the record of the erection of the greatest work of bridge engineering of the century."

The steamer Titania passed up yesterday for Nanaimo to load coal for San Francisco. The steamers Crown of Arragon and Craigvar are both expected today for Comox to load bunker coal. The Crown of Arragon is coming from the sound and the Craigvar, which crossed the Columbia river bar yesterday morning, from Portland.

Tug Lorne arrived yesterday morning from Chemainus with the bark Ancenis loaded with lumber for London. The Ancenis is in Royal Roads shipping a crew from Esquimalt.

CITY WILL CONTEST COMMISSION'S ORDER

Railway Board's Order re Esquimalt Road Crossing to Be Fought in Courts

The question of the closing, by the E. & N. Railway Company, of the crossing on the old Esquimalt road once more came before the city council last night. The crossing, after the matter had been taken to the railway commission, was ordered closed by the body, but the city has since been endeavoring to have the road opened. The company refused to remove the fences across the road where the railway crosses, and the result of the long negotiations between the two corporations is shown in the following statement from the city solicitors read at last night's meeting.

Gentlemen,—Re old Esquimalt road. We have the honor to report that, having considered with the city barrister the position of the city towards the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company in their refusal to remove the fences from across the highway, we have prepared a process in the Supreme court, claiming a mandatory order upon the company to remove the fences, and we are of opinion that the proceedings should succeed.

As a result of research we find a case, wherein the facts were almost identical, decided in a litigation between the township of Gloucester and the Canada Atlantic Railway Company in which case the Supreme court of Canada decided that the municipality was entitled to maintain an action and to an injunction restraining the company from obstructing the highway, and they further more decided that the board of railway commissioners had no jurisdiction in the matter.

We shall be glad if the council will approve our action.

B. C. Electric Agreement.

The draft agreement between the city and the B. C. Electric company relative to the change in the company's present Spring Ridge line, came up for consideration, but was laid over. The company had applied for permission to change its present route from Caledonia avenue to North Chatham street via Chambers street to one which would take the line straight out to the north half of block 54, Spring Ridge, and thence north to North Chatham street. The company, it was claimed by Ald. Henderson, had agreed to give sufficient land to the city to allow of a 66-foot street along which the line would run from Caledonia street to North Chatham street. It appears that the company had been under the impression that a small section of land would have to be expropriated by the city in order to allow of this width of roadway. The city solicitor in reporting on the agreement was apparently also of the same impression, but the council would not hear of any other suggestion than the company shall provide the land for the roadway and also that the company shall fill in any tressle work over the property.

Government Street.

The work on Government street pavement will commence immediately after the New Year. The necessary conduits for the putting underground of the telephone wires will be done first, the city doing the work in order to facilitate matters, at a cost of \$750. Mayor Morley stated to the council that an agreement has been about completed between the telephone company and the city whereby the latter will within two years put all its downtown wires underground when requested to do so. The cost of such work will be about \$50,000, and as the company's wires are now good for eight years, it had been decided that in consideration of the company putting the wires underground before that time elapsed the city could afford to guarantee the debentures, which the company would be required to do the work to the extent of one-tenth of the cost and the company would assume the other nine-tenths. The city would want some guarantee that the company would meet its share of the obligation.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers.

This matter was introduced by the report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, which was as follows: Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undementioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

1. Recommend that the engineer be instructed to lay out the necessary conduits for underground wires on Government street, before paving is proceeded with, the B. C. Telephone Co. furnishing the conduits. The estimated cost to the city is \$750.

2. Re communication from A. W. Lees, asking the city to lay water pipes across his property from Alpha street to the city limits.

We recommend that Mr. Lees be informed that the cost of laying this distance would be \$600, that it is a natural water course entirely through private property, that no sewage or filth enters the course from within the city limits on his property, that if any contamination of the water exists it comes from South Saanich municipality, and that his complaints in this matter should be sent to the council of that municipality, and that for the various reasons this council cannot see its way clear to comply with his request at present.

3. Recommend that the purchasing agent be instructed to get quotations from Great Britain and other places, on creosote of standard quality for street paving, for delivery not later than May 1, in drums or barrels on wharf in city of Victoria and in a quantity exceeding 750 drums at 90 gallons each.

Exhibition Building.

The following report submitted by the city solicitor on the recent fire at the exhibition grounds, and the loss occasioned thereby, was received and filed and Mr. Northcott appointed to see to the adjustment of the city's insurance.

I would respectfully report that on Thursday evening, the 26th inst., a fire took place at the Agricultural building, which entirely consumed the main building, porches, the poultry house in rear, and also the machinery hall. Those were insured. Likewise the building used for a restaurant and another building on the south side of the main building. The last two were not insured. There was also destroyed 200 feet line of box stalls on the north side of the grounds, and the bark Ancenis loaded with lumber for London. The Ancenis is in Royal Roads shipping a crew from Esquimalt.

the sum of \$800 for that destroyed, and for 50 feet that is partially destroyed \$2 per foot—\$100. I consider the city is fully entitled to the following amounts: For the main building, \$8,000; for the poultry house, \$1,000; for the machinery hall, \$500, which is the amount of insurance carried on the above, so the treasurer informs me; also the amount of destruction done to the box stalls, \$900. Total, \$10,400.

In my opinion, the city should make demand upon the insurance companies for the amounts mentioned.

From City Solicitors.

The following communication from the city solicitor was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee: Gentlemen—We beg to report that the city engineer has directed our attention to a matter of great importance, a conflagration between Quadra street and Adele street, which should receive the immediate attention of the council, so that the line of the street may be correctly ascertained and intended.

We find that Green street is a street of a width of 30 feet, running out of Adele street, and was dedicated by the city in the year 1878. By another plan of the adjoining block of land registered in September, 1862, a street is shown known as Leopold street, running out of the street which street, as shown on the plan comes to a termination on subdivisional lot 9 and does not continue with Green street. No doubt this was discovered when the plan of amendment of the official map in pursuance of the statute, showing Green street as it has heretofore been used, and we have suggested a motion for the consideration of the council.

Action Goes Ahead.

The following communication from W. H. Langley, barrister, was referred to the city solicitors: Attorney-General of Canada v. Corporation of City of Victoria. Sir—Your letter of the 24th December instant has been handed to me by Mr. A. W. Vowell.

In reply thereto I am instructed to state that the appearance of the case on course open but to proceed with the action. This is rendered necessary by the view which apparently the council takes of the matter, in which from the fact that it has been decided to consider for the rights of the Indians, nor the ordinary courtesy due to the officials in control of their affairs.

In respect to the above the city solicitor pointed out that there was no doubt that the city had a perfect right to locate its sewage tank on the property where it did but the city should have first gone to the Indians through the department here instead of applying to Ottawa. Some compensation would be due to the Indians. The matter is at present being taken up with the chief. Alderman Henderson pointed out at the present time the lack of sewage in that section was due to the filing of a menace to the public health.

Asks More Wages.

The Victoria Laborers' Protective Union, the members of which are city workmen, applied for an increase in the scale of wages, of twenty-five cents per hour, but the city refused to grant the application. The union is now applying to the incoming council for favorable consideration.

The following resolution moved by Alderman Vincent and seconded by Alderman Fell was carried: That the cost of the purchase of a cement mixer, rock crusher and crosscutting plant be charged by the city treasurer to the city, to be opened and that each work of local improvement on which this machinery is used shall be charged a fair and reasonable proportion of the cost of the particular plant used, such proportion to be estimated in each case by the city engineer and assessor in the final estimate of each work.

Portion of the residents on May street and Ladysmith street asking for small improvements were referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. The committee has given its third and final reading and will be voted upon at the forthcoming civic elections.

RECORD OF KID SCALER.

Something About Lightweight Who will Meet Nelson.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—Louis Scaler, the Spokane lightweight, who is matched to meet Battling Nelson, at Bakersfield in January, is 24 years of age and has been fighting in the Pacific northwest for the last three and a half years. His first really important battle was with Louie Long here in August, 1904, when he lost a knockout in four rounds, the only one that has ever been scored against him.

Among his most important victories, outside his nine round defeat of Billy Snailham, are: Kid Harrison, K. O., 8 rounds; Clarence Forbes, K. O., 5 rounds; Kid Oglesby, K. O., 12 rounds; Solly Stroup, K. O., 2 rounds; Jolly Rogers, K. O., 10 rounds; and a dozen others, all by the knockout.

Before his Snailham battle he had seventeen knockouts to his credit. He lost a 17-round contest to Kid Fredericks several years ago by breaking his hands. He lost a decision to Bobby Johnson on a foul in three rounds. He fought a 20-round draw with Maurice Thompson and a 15-round draw with Billy Langer, a Canadian champion, at Calgary, Alberta.

Last spring he took a trip through the east, but could get no important matches.

Alligator Nests

"Probably a good many people would class alligators' nests with mares' nests, but there can be no reason to do so after the appearance of Mr. Albert Misell among the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections. He has discovered breeding habits of the Florida alligator, for therein the alligator's nest is photographed and exactly described," says the Morning Post. "That the female alligator stays in the neighborhood of her nest after filling it with eggs seems pretty certain, but that she does not desert it, as is the case with other animals is extremely doubtful. Certainly man is in very little danger when he robs the nest of the alligator, and according to the statement of reliable hunters bears are very persistent searchers for and eaters of alligator eggs. Having selected (with how much care it is impossible to say) the location for the alligator, the eggs proceed to collect, probably biting it off with her teeth, a great mass of whatever vegetation happens to be most abundant in that immediate neighborhood. This mass of flags or of marsh grass is piled into a conical or rounded heap, and is packed down with the alligator's weight, and is repeatedly over. There is a great deal of variation in the size and form of the different nests, some being two yards or more in diameter and a yard in height, while others are much smaller in diameter and so low as to seem scarcely more than an accidental pile of vegetation. The average number of eggs in the twelve nests found by Mr. Reese was thirty-one. The eggs are laid in the nest without any apparent arrangement.

GREAT EXHIBITION OF RUGBY AT VANCOUVER

Second Game With Stanford Most Keenly Contested Ever Witnessed

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—It can truly be said that the Rugby match between Vancouver and Stanford University at Recreation park on Saturday afternoon will go down in history as the most dogged and grandly terrible battle ever witnessed here, and when Vancouver, at the speed of Stanford three-quarters, got over with the only try of the match after twenty-five minutes' play, the Cardinals went wild with delight, for it meant the deciding game had been put off to New Year's Day. After Vancouver's victory by three points to nil on Christmas Day, in a ground which was a sea of mud, the majority of the followers of the game were firmly convinced that on Saturday Vancouver would have an easier task, for the ground was much more muddy, if such a thing were possible, and the opportunities for footwork would find the British Columbians thoroughly at home. It was this anxiety in dribbling that pulled the game out of the fire on Christmas Day, and consequently the Vancouver men were confident of winning the second match.

To the great surprise of every one, however, Stanford not only repeated her success in the back division, but in scrum work, loose plays, dribbling and tackling, the irresistible Cardinals played like demons. Never has such inspired work been seen here. The men were seeing red all the time, and although the Vancouver pack did wonderfully, yet the Californians thoroughly demonstrated their superiority on the day's play, and won a victory which no one can begrudge.

In a sense it was the Christmas game all over again. We had the same deplorable condition of the ground was practically unplayable, and every man on the field was well plastered with mud. On a dry ground the Canadians were expected to win nicely, but in the wet, sticky, slippery field, Vancouver failed to come up to expectations, and the visitors put up a display which can truly be described as absolutely great.

When Pyson scored the try which won the game on December 25, Stanford supporters said their men had distinctly hard lines. After Saturday's game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver had hard lines. During the last ten minutes of the game Vancouver was within five yards of the Stanford line, and only once in the second half could Stanford work out of their own territory and invade the dark blue stronghold. Time after time the home forwards struggled with a madness born of desperation to get across the Stanford line, and time after time they were driven back by the invaders. It was Homer, and the three thousand spectators went wild.

Time was slipping by, and only three points were needed to make a draw, and the Vancouver forwards, who had been obviously slacking, had a sudden revival of that dash and spirit which characterized the Christmas Day game. They played like gods, and the gods ruled against them, and so the teams have a win each to their credit, with an equal number of points. In connection with this it must not be forgotten that Kenny Fenton took the kick after Vandervoort's try, and placed the ball between the posts, but Referee Jenkins could not allow the kick, and the ball was never placed on the ground. Had the ball been placed in accordance with the rules it is extremely doubtful if Fenton would have come near the crossbar, for the leather was greasy and heavy, and kicking was bound to be wild.

The credit of the victory must be given to the Vancouver forwards, Miller, Reynolds and Pemberton in the forwards, and Vandervoort and Holman in the three-quarter line, while the work of Brown at fullback was really magnificent. He was always safe and never missed a catch. Spencer, his vis-a-vis, was playing with a dislocated toe, and his performance suffered accordingly.

For the first ten minutes it looked as the Vancouver pack was going to have things its own way. The men rushed the Stanford forwards around and never let up, but as times went on the Cardiff front rankers seemed to play with more spirit, and after the score there was no holding them until the final ten minutes. True, Vancouver did all the pressing in the second half, but Stanford could always clear, although in the last ten minutes it was only pure luck that prevented Vancouver from equalizing.

The conclusion must not be arrived at that Vancouver played poorly. They played great Rugby, but there was more class, more polish, and more finish to the Stanford work. Their men were much faster, they passed frequently and accurately, their kicking was superior and their tackling was deadly. They again proved their superiority in the scrum, and at times more than held their own in the loose, while in line-out work they won out every time. They are a truly great pack, and the only consolation Vancouver supporters can get is that their pets were up against a better team.

Yet victory was within the grasp of the home combination more than once, but Fate smiled the other way. On one occasion Shearer came through with a great dribble, but the Stanford man who opposed him was guilty of a deliberate interference play. Shearer dribbled past this player, and there was nothing to stop him scoring, but the Cardiff dropped right in front of him, and Shearer naturally fell over him and the try was lost. Scott was close up and took on the ball, but he was also bowled over by a player falling in front of him although at the same time if he had not kicked quite so hard he would not have been enabled to drop on the leather dribbled splendidly, but crossed to the left wing. There was no one there—there should have been—and the chance was lost. Had Thomas crossed to the right, Dunn was up with a clear field. These mistakes, however, and Vancouver must take her defeat with as good a grace as possible.

On Christmas day it was almost a pity to see victory go to either side, but the same cannot be said for Saturday's game, for the fine work of Stanford clearly showed that the men who were first with which they played that enabled them to get ahead, and although it was very close, yet they won.

It was not so much a battle of styles as Wednesday's game, for on Saturday

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both teams played practically identical games. That is, the Stanford men learned a lesson, and used their feet more. At the same time they indulged in a lot of the fast and furious, and their forwards seemed quite as fast as Vancouver's three-quarters.

ONE POINT CLEARED IN DRUCE MYSTERY

Coffin at Highgate Found to Contain Remains of Aged, Bearded Man

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings, which have cost all told a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servant girls and other workers, who were induced to prosecute the claims of Geo. H. Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland. The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of. Those persons who have sworn to the placing of a piece of lead in the coffin instead of a human body have deposed to facts which now have been disproved, and they probably will have to take the consequences of their acts. So far as the general public is concerned the entire long drawn-out Druce-Duke of Portland controversy is at an end, and the case of the claimant, Geo. Hollamby Druce, has fallen to the ground.

Caldwell's Case.

New York, Dec. 30.—Robert C. Caldwell, whose remarkable testimony as a witness in the so-called Druce case led to the re-opening of the grave of T. C. Druce today, is now at the home of his daughter at New Brighton, Staten Island. He is under \$5,000 bonds to answer a charge of perjury laid by the British authorities when he arrived here from France on December 21, and the announcement was made at that time that determined efforts would be made to have him taken back to London. Only the fact that apparently he was Portia's duddum, and that he was here was responsible for his release on comparatively little bail. Efforts to reach Caldwell at his home today were unavailing. He is not expected to leave his home until he has been examined by a physician, but she declined to ask her father anything about the case.

Druce Will Still Fight.

London, Dec. 30.—Despite the finding of the body, G. H. Druce says that he is determined to continue to push his claim for the estate and the rights of the Duke of Portland. In an interview, he said: "It is foolish to deny that I am bitterly disappointed, but I have not abandoned hope. I am prepared to fight the case to the end, and I am sure that the Duke of Portland will support me. I will not admit that the body exhumed was that of my grandfather, who I still firmly believe was the Duke of Portland."

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Druce in Highgate cemetery was buried this morning, just 43 years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems to

feelably to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man. The plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce." The scene at Highgate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere; every tree apparently had an officer. Entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds. The family Druce, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and its vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but was met with a stern refusal.

All Doubt Settled.

The operation began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffins in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly half-past eleven before the coffin, the contents of which have aroused the curiosity of the whole world, was brought up ready for opening and inspection. The top was quickly unscrewed, and the fastening of the cap removed, and there was no need for the dictum of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the head office to carry out the exhumation to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

How to Fight the Plague

"Are we any nearer the extirpation of plague in India than we were ten years ago? The Plague Research committee has established beyond dispute the conveyance of infection from the rat to the rat flea, and from the flea to man. We know in what direction to work," says the Times. "Rat destruction must, of course, be pursued, and dwellings must be made rat-proof whenever possible, but we must look elsewhere for a really effective preventive measure. There remains only the system of inoculation against plague discovered almost at the outset of the visitation by the devoted zeal of Dr. Haflkine. If a tithe of the energy now expended in worthless agitation was devoted to an inoculation propaganda tens of thousands of lives might be saved. The few inquirers who have been studying plague at the Parel Laboratory near Bombay have added materially to our knowledge of the disease; but not until research is being conducted, not by ones and twos, but by dozens engaged in the task of patiently accumulating data, will the government of India have discharged sufficiently its duty to the people and to science. It would be a sound investment, because the prevalence of plague gravely disturbs economic conditions."

Corbett's Backer Suicides

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28.—Charles Stenzel, well known in Hayward and in sporting circles of the coast as one of the first backers of James J. Corbett in his early fighting career, committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium while lying in a small water-tight at the junction of the Hayward and San Lorenzo suburban lines. Stenzel drank the poison, which he had mixed with water, from a whisky flask, and in his convulsions bit off the neck of the bottle. His cries brought to his aid William Schiman, who was working in a neighboring field, and it was only by prompt action on his part that Stenzel was taken to the County hospital before death overtook him. Dr. W. A. Clark, resident physician of the hospital, did all possible to restore the man, but his efforts were unavailing. He died in great agony a few minutes after arriving. He leaves two brothers, Franz and Henry Stenzel, who conduct the famous Stenzel ranch near San Lorenzo.

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Offer to Do So is Accepted by the Lifesaving Association

The lifeboat secured from the Dominion government, which has been lying inactive at the customhouse wharf for the past year, is now being man by a crew of the Y.M.C.A. The offer of the Y.M.C.A. to furnish a volunteer crew has been accepted by the B. C. Lifesaving Association and the boat will be taken out by the crew life-savers for the first time a week from next Saturday afternoon. Last night a committee from the association, consisting of Joseph Pearson, president; Rev. Mr. Miller, and Messrs. Marsh, Lowery, Woods and Spurrer conferred with A. J. Brace, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and the volunteer crew at the Y.M.C.A. and the result of the negotiations is that the Y.M.C.A. will furnish the crew for the boat.

Some time ago the committee asked Mr. Brace if the Y.M.C.A. could furnish men for a crew and Mr. Brace volunteered to provide them. He intended a number of the association members and secured sixteen volunteers. Practically all are members of the swimming club and are expert swimmers. A large number of the volunteers were present at last night's meeting and listened attentively to the remarks of the delegates from the lifeboat association. The Y.M.C.A. men will provide the crew of the boat and they will be in charge of a capable boatswain, who will be furnished by the lifeboat association. He will be an experienced seaman and will coach the Y.M.C.A. men. The first practice will be held a week from next Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Lowery will take the crew out. Regular practices will be held thereafter.

The volunteers from the crew are: V. G. Findlay, A. J. Brace, O. Margison, F. Harley, F. Finlay, H. Roscamp, J. Crompton, C. Barrett, R. Hall, G. Schiele, T. Dalziel, W. Warren, W. Griffin, W. B. Fisher, W. Stokes, J. Paterson and T. Gawley.

VICTORIA PROPERTY IS GOOD INVESTMENT

That is Opinion of Williamson Taylor, of Edmonton, Late of Victoria

A. Williamson Taylor, formerly a resident of this city, but who now is a prominent citizen of Edmonton, Alta., has been in this city for a few days. In an interview with a reporter for the Colonist Mr. Taylor said that it was his intention at an early date to return to Victoria and take up residence on his property situated on Esplanade rocks, where he purposes building a residence. Mr. Taylor states that he has no fears regarding the present financial straggle. He said: "The whole trouble has originated through the conflict waged by stocks as against real estate, and it is already apparent that attention is being more especially directed toward real estate, and that the direct canal looking for investment is attracting more by stability and opportunity for a good return than by ideas of speculation."

"Real estate investment does not appeal to the gambling instinct of a man in the same way that investments in stocks and bonds attract. A man who buys a piece of real estate is unable to note the telegraphic fluctuations, becoming one day jubilant and the next depressed. Profits may not pile up so rapidly, but losses do not accumulate with alarming persistency."

"This brings me to a time in Victoria seventeen years ago when prices went up rapidly, out of all proportion to actual conditions, when a boom, pure and simple, existed, and which went the way of all booms."

"But in the seventeen years that have passed forward strides have been made, and the land around the city is under cultivation, people are living on it, crops are now being marketed. Prosperity is here on a sound basis, and can only be temporarily disturbed by some great national disaster."

"That is why Victoria is the choice of so many would be residents. It has a prosperous producing country throughout the whole of the island. No city under such conditions can possibly be held back. Seventeen years ago everything was prospective, today it is actually here."

"I am of opinion that on account of the financial stringency you will not this winter have as many newcomers to your city as you desire, but I think that during the coming summer you will have a sharp advance in prices of real estate, and prices which will be sustained as time goes on."

"I regret very much to learn that the present mayor and city council have lately placed certain arbitrary restrictions upon the C. P. R. This company have in view not only their own material welfare, but also that of the citizens of Victoria. It would appear that the council have overlooked the fact that a railway commission exists, who can adjust equitably all differences of interest and opinion that may arise."

"By proper municipal management Victoria must, yea, cannot help but forge ahead. City real estate is better than the fruit, better than the mine, better than the timber, for these commodities are constantly the victims of the speculator."

Packing Poultry and Game

"Poultry and game must be allowed to become quite cold before packing, and should always be packed in such a way as to receive as much fresh air as possible. The packages must be freely ventilated," says Dr. Collingridge, the medical officer of the city of London. "Bamper and baskets may be made sufficiently open to allow of ample circulation of air. If wooden cases are used, they should either be crates made of battens, with wide spaces, which are useful and inexpensive, or, if boxes, openings should be made in the tops, bottoms, and sides. The material used for lining the cases and filling in between the birds should be light and porous, and the packing, while loose enough to allow of ventilation, should be sufficiently firm to prevent bruising of the flesh. Thoroughly dry wheat (not oat) straw is the best material for packing."

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AN EPOCHAL YEAR

The year 1907 seems likely to prove epoch-making. It is necessarily difficult to estimate events in their proper proportion until we are far enough removed from them to be able to take a comprehensive view of the period in which they occur, but there can be little doubt that the development of an acute phase in the Oriental question, which the closing year has witnessed, is the beginning of a new era in human history. Japan has been in the limelight, but in the back of the stage are the teeming millions of China and India, who are only waiting for their cue. A year ago the man who could have foretold that this question would assume prominence in so short a time would have been looked upon as a dreamer of idle dreams. In this connection the sailing of the United States fleet to the Pacific assumes an importance quite apart from the fact that sixteen battleships of more or less value in actual warfare have set out on a 15,000-mile voyage. So also the anti-Japanese agitation on the Pacific Coast in Canada and the United States possesses an interest quite apart from the possible effect it may have upon the diplomatic relations of the countries concerned, and the accentuation of unrest in India gains in significance. China has not exhibited any very great evidence of the inauguration of a new movement, but the outside world knows so very little of what is actually transpiring in that country that it is not easy to measure the ultimate result and the true meaning of the events concerning which we hear minor details from time to time. One aspect of the case needs only to be mentioned to impress it upon the consideration of all thoughtful persons. The contact between the Orient and the Occident, which at any moment may become a collision, is confined at present on the part of the latter to those peoples, whom we call Anglo-Saxon. Russia has been eliminated from the case for many years to come, and none of the other nations were ever really concerned in it. As we look backward over the centuries, we see one race standing out conspicuously for two thousand years. It turned back the legions of Imperial Rome, and it halted for a little while on the shores of the Atlantic, and then went forward to the conquest of a new world, and now it pauses with eager feet upon the shores of the Pacific awaiting the command for the next advance. Of the nature of the inevitable conflict we may be unable to foresee; of its result pride of race forbids us to have any doubt; but it requires no effort of the imagination to see that the skirmishers deployed in 1907.

The Imperial Conference marks out this year as epochal in the history of the British Empire. We are aware that great disappointment has been expressed by many people at the result of that gathering, but only by those who expected too much and are impatient at delay in anything relating to the consolidation of the Empire. With the feelings of such persons we have the greatest sympathy. We look upon their ill-concealed impatience and their somewhat perverted expressions of patriotism as very necessary stimulants to the development of Imperialism, but if its history teaches one thing more than another, is that the growth of the Empire is in all its aspects gradual, not sudden, that it proceeds less by design than by the operation of natural causes. Hence, while we may all regret that the Conference did not accomplish more of a specific character, it cannot be questioned that the change from a Colonial Conference to an Imperial Conference and the establishment of an Imperial Secretariat are more than passing incidents, and cannot fail to have an exceedingly important bearing upon the future of the British dominions. In this connection passing reference may be made to the presence of General Botha in London to participate in deliberations relating to the welfare of the people whose valiant foe he was only a few brief years ago. This of itself would make the year notable in our Colonial history.

The consummation of the peace policy of His Majesty, the King, by a complete understanding with Russia, has we venture to believe a far deeper significance than appears on the surface. It removes an element of danger from the international arena, and leaves British diplomacy and, if need be, British arms less embarrassed in dealing with the complicated issues indicated in the first paragraph of this article. Of more sinister import is the movement which has begun in Morocco. We do not wish to exaggerate the possible effect of this, but there seems to be only one of two

solutions possible for the condition of things in that country. Either European influence must dominate Northern Africa, or the Arab must be supreme, and we can hardly conceive that the Mohammedans of that region will submit without a struggle, which may easily become racial and religious in its character, and spread very far from its point of origin. All observers have foreseen for a long time that a tremendous struggle along the line of demarcation between Christendom and Islam is inevitable. The forces of the latter were never more aggressive than now, not in a physical sense, but in the propagation of the Mohammedan faith. Whether the operations of the French at Algiers are the beginning of the inevitable time only time can determine.

While the results of the Peace Conference at The Hague cannot be said to have been in any sense spectacular, that gathering will be notable in history for two reasons, if for no other. It was the first occasion when disarmament was proposed at an official international gathering, and for the first time the South American republics were recognized as entitled to a full voice in the determination of international questions. When the history of the Twentieth Century comes to be written, it may be found that from these two causes important results may flow.

Taken altogether the year 1907 may fairly be regarded as one of preparation rather than one of accomplishment, as one that will lead to, rather than be marked by great events, a year that may hereafter be regarded as the beginning of a new period in human history. There has hardly been a single occurrence which can be singled out, standing by itself, be said to be worthy of being called momentous, but it is doubtful if there has been a year in many centuries characterized by so much that seems heavily weighted for the good or ill of humanity.

DEATH ROLL OF 1907

The roll of distinguished dead, which the year has called, while not exceptionally long, contains many names well known to the world. Among reigning monarchs, the Shah of Persia and the King of Sweden were called away. Marie, a former queen of Hawaii also died at the advanced age of 88. Of eminent public men we may mention Viscount Goschen, Casimir Perrier, and United States Senators Alger and Moran. Literature suffered severe losses, among them being W. H. Russell, the first of the war correspondents; Archibald Claverling Gunter, who made a world-wide reputation with a few character sketches; Carducci, a famous Italian poet; T. B. Aldrich, best known by his "Story of a Bad Boy"; Dr. John Watson, whose pen name "Iam MacLaron" is familiar to every one; Theodore Tilton, whose fame as a writer and editor was clouded by his controversy with Beecher; David Christie Murray, whose contributions to fiction and the drama are very popular; Mary Jane Holmes, a successful novelist of the lighter school; David Masson, a Scotch historian and Sully-Prudhomme, a French poet. Of persons prominently connected with newspaper work we note the names of P. D. Munn, founder of the Scientific American and Harriet F. Donley, the first editor of a women's magazine in America. Science lost one of its greatest ornaments in Lord Kelvin, and others of its great lights who passed away during the year were Sir William Perkins, the discoverer of aniline dyes, A. S. Herschell, the astronomer and Mons. Berthelot, who combined scientific pursuits with statesmanship. Music suffered the loss of Greig and Joachim, and Cruciell, once Europe's greatest singer, while sculpture is the poorer for the death of St. Gaudens and the drama by the loss of Mansfield. Other noted names that may be mentioned are those of Dr. Oronhyateka, Dowie, the pretended Elijah, Dennis Kearney, of Sand Lots fame, Francis Murphy, the famous temperance advocate, Pinkerton, the founder of the modern detective school and Sir Francis McClintock, the distinguished Arctic explorer.

INDUSTRIAL CANADA.

Dr. Arthur Shadwell has communicated to the London Times a very appreciative article on Industrial Canada. He is much impressed by the lack of knowledge in England of what Canada really is, and says:

The fact that there are railroads, mines, and factories in Canada is doubtless recognized in a way; the world has heard at least of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Klondike. But the all-round character of the economic development, its scope and pace, are certainly not understood.

He points out that even in Canada the manufacturing interests are not as fully appreciated as they ought to be, which he attributes to the fact that those concerned in them are too much given to asserting their own importance, but he thinks the chief reason why the manufacturing achievements and possibilities of the land are not better understood is because its agricultural possibilities overshadow everything else, and he expresses this idea in the following well chosen sentences:

The West calls the young men and women from the Eastern provinces and the immigrants, too; they have shaped and are helping to make it. Some towns, some come back to them; but the West is the great goal, in Europe, naturally enough, more is heard of that than of anything else. The returning traveller talks and writes of it, the intending emigrant

thinks of it. Canada is a thirsty land crying for human beings to make it fruitful. There a man is welcome; he can get for nothing a stretch of fertile ground, and by the bounty of God and his strong right arm he can with great certainty grow a profitable crop on it. He can begin with nothing and, if he has the right sort, can within two or three years stand firmly on his feet, an independent and substantial man. Some of those who begin with least success best. So vast is the expanse available that, in spite of the rapid increase of settlement and the large scale to which it has attained, only a small fraction of the fertile and workable area has yet been touched.

He tells us that Canada is bound to become a great manufacturing country, because we possess the three great requisites, material, power and transportation. He lays great stress upon our lake and river systems and our sea coasts. He looks upon Hudson's Bay as certain to become the theatre of a great commerce, and adds:

Canada is the land of waters, of lake and river and sea, beyond all others; Our Lady of Waters would be a better title than Our Lady of Snows; and this character, which lends so much charm to the scenery, has an economic value already great, but destined to be much greater.

He thinks Canadians possess the qualities requisite for great industrial development, such as "industry, enterprise, initiative, organizing power and inventiveness," and he says that "concerns started in Canada by British or American enterprise have a general tendency to pass into Canadian hands." He notes a disposition to follow the example of our neighbors in going into ill-considered and over-large undertakings and in indifference as to quality, but thinks there will be a great change in this respect, and that a distinctively Canadian type of manufactures will be developed, which will be neither British nor American, but will combine the good qualities of both.

And now everyone will wonder why the Druce coffin was not opened long ago.

A very gratifying degree of progress was recorded in the year now all but passed away, but we are profoundly impressed with the conviction that it will dwindle into insignificance compared with what Victoria will achieve in 1908. With the most absolute confidence we may look forward to a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Unpleasant stories are being sent out from Winnipeg as to a laxity in the administration of the criminal laws in that city. For the sake of the reputation of Canada, as well as for that of the Prairie Metropolis, it is to be hoped that good grounds do not exist for the circulation of these damaging statements, or if they do that immediate steps will be taken to remedy a state of affairs calculated to bring the whole Dominion into a disrepute which it does not deserve.

The government of China is engaged in the interesting experiment of attempting to turn back the hands of the clock. A dispatch from Peking says that the bureau of instruction which had been established in that city for the purpose of instructing the people on the ideas of constitutional government have been closed. Its success in this will no doubt be quite as conspicuous as that which has attended a similar effort on the part of the Czar of Russia.

The "teddy bear" craze is dying out, according to dealers in New York. How in the world can the people of the United States be expected to find time to fondle these toys when they are so fully occupied in counting the number of banquets attendant upon the "greatest naval manoeuvre in all history?" But the man who could invent a toy warship which would rear up and emit smoke and fire, and roar at the sight of a miniature Japanese flag would make a huge fortune just now.

George McInerney, formerly a member of the House of Commons, is seriously ill in St. John. Mr. McInerney at one time seemed likely to become a very prominent figure in Canadian politics. He had oratorical powers of a high order, and an attractive personality. His father, who was an ardent Roman Catholic, stated publicly at the time of the adoption of non-sectarian education in New Brunswick that, as Hamilton swore his son on the altar to eternal enmity to Rome, so he had sworn his son to undying hostility to the new school law.

A welcome addition to the list of local industries is ensured by the announcement that it has been decided to remove the plant of the Victoria Creamery inside the city limits. It is believed that the product may be marketed to better advantage by doing this. We trust that the hopes of the management and the shareholders in this regard may be fully met, and that under the new arrangement their efforts may be attended with an even greater measure of success than in the past.

In our own city the year has been marked by the great number of pioneer residents who have gone to their reward. Canadian political life sustained many losses, among them being Andrew G. Blair and Israel Tarte, who were of those who formed the Laurier ministry, when it came into power more than eleven years ago; A. A. Stockton, the brilliant representative of St. John, in the House of Commons, Stanley W. McInnis, the promising young Manitoban, and a number of others who were not as prominent in the public eye.

Decidedly reassuring is the authoritative announcement made by Adjutant Wakefield of the Salvation Army that all immigrants brought to this province under the auspices of that organization will be placed in positions already secured for them; that they will not in a single instance displace persons already employed or disrupt existing conditions in the labor market. In this the officers of the Army are only exhibiting a characteristic watchfulness for the welfare of the masses of the people, among whom in the past they have labored with such commendable zeal and conspicuous success.

The Toronto News has been conducting a competition to discover by a system of voting among its subscribers who are the four most popular commercial travelers in Ontario. In its issue of Tuesday, December 24, it reproduces a view of the Empress hotel in this city, with an explanatory note to the effect that the four successful travellers who are to leave Toronto on a tour round the world on January 11, will be guests at the local C.P.R. hostelry before departing on the steamship Empress of China for the Orient. This will constitute a good advertisement for Victoria. In more ways than one.

The announcement that it is proposed to found a Japanese colony in the irrigated belt in Alberta will not be wholly unwelcome by the people of British Columbia for the sole reason that it implies an assurance that if the plan is carried into effect it will hasten the day when the Canadian public will adequately appreciate the problem which confronts this province by the threatened Asiatic invasion. The only way to bring the matter home to the superior people in the East is to have them make the experiment of attempting to swallow the pill which they have no hesitancy in saying should be thrust down the throats of British Columbia.

A unique and memorable incident occurred in London on Christmas Eve, when a large number of the veterans of the Indian mutiny gathered in Albert hall to commemorate the golden jubilee of the struggle which ended in the Indian Empire being saved to Great Britain. Though the names of twelve hundred survivors are on the pension roll at the war office, old age prevented many from attending, and those present in consequence numbered only about seven hundred. The youngest among the veterans was sixty-five years of age. Lord Roberts presided, and the king sent a telegram expressing the appreciation of the whole Empire of the services rendered by the army of which the veterans were members. A very pleasing incident was the recitation by Mr. Waller, the actor, of some verses written especially for the occasion by Rudyard Kipling, of which the following is one:

Today across our fathers' graves
The astonished years reveal
The remnant of that desperate host
Which cleaned our East with steel.

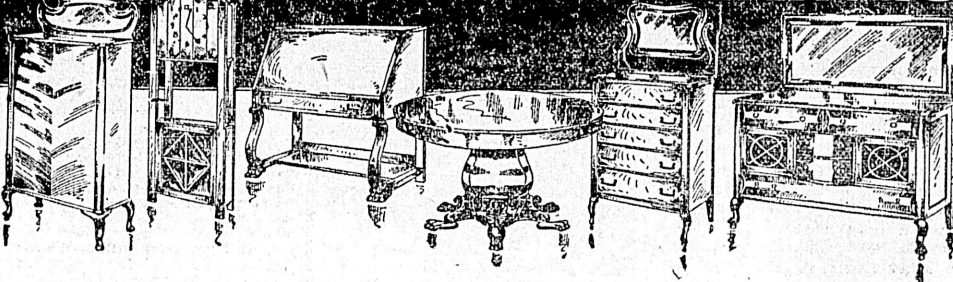
The British Postmaster-General says that "Limerick" contests have increased the demand for 6d. postal orders from 311,000 in August, September and October of last year to 5,772,000 during the corresponding months of this year. Concerning the working of the new arrangement for the carriage of periodicals to Canada he said: "The special reduction he had given in the postage, 'intellectual preference' as the Postmaster-General of Canada well called it, had resulted in a very large increase in the number of British magazines and newspapers sent to Canada, and what perhaps was most satisfactory was that he was informed by a firm of high-class newsagents which had a large business in Canada that the increase had been greatest in the case of comparatively expensive magazines of the highest class. Substantially, it might be said, taking last October as a typical month, that the additional number of periodicals per year sent under the new Canadian magazine post might be estimated at between five and six millions. These were striking and satisfactory figures."

A most extraordinary situation appears to exist in the state of Nevada in regard to the strike of the miners at Goldfield. President Roosevelt purposes withdrawing the federal troops unless a special session of the legislature be summoned so as to make a formal request for their retention. It seems that this places the members of the legislature in a curious and unpleasant dilemma. They, apparently, are all agreed that the presence of the troops is necessary if order is to be maintained, but they hesitate about saying so, because of their fear of the labor unionists, who declare that the troops are not wanted. They would like the onus to be put upon President Roosevelt, but the latter, understanding the situation thoroughly, puts it "up to" the people themselves to say through their representatives in the legislature whether or not they wish to maintain the guarantee now furnished by the soldiery, that there will be no outbreak of lawlessness. The outcome of this peculiar situation will be awaited with considerable interest.

Not Wanted Here.

Wholesale deportation of unfit Old Country men from Canada might be the unpleasant duty confronting the Dominion government if it were to find itself unable to persuade the British government to accept the great body of whom we ourselves have room here are the unfit whom we ourselves have produced. The sending of convicted English criminals to Canada instead of to an English jail, should be stopped at any rate.—Ottawa Journal.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFERINGS



In Suitable New Year's Gift Giving Pieces

THOUSANDS OF DELIGHTED PURCHASERS shared this month's holiday offerings, and they bought with the absolute knowledge that every piece was dependable and the price lower than equal qualities could be obtained for elsewhere. So liberal was the patronage of these discriminating buyers, our large stocks of special holiday offerings almost entirely disappeared. The few lonely leftovers we do not care to carry over January first. If you unintentionally overlooked someone at Christmas, or received from some unexpected source a remembrance, an unusual saving opportunity is offered you to reciprocate with something from our New Year's offerings. Come in today. Open this evening.

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Kitchen Rockers
Dining Chairs in Oak
Tabourettes, Mahogany finished
Jardinere Stands, Mahogany finish
Pillows, fancy ticking
Sterling Sugar Tongs
Child's Silver Mugs
Silver Toast Racks
Silver Food Pushers
Silver Souvenir Spoons
Salts and Peppers, Pair
Silver Mounted Vases
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Glass Flower Vases
China Flower Vases
China Cups and Saucers

\$2.50

BUYS BETTER VALUES IN

Oriental Brass Vases
Linen Tea Cloths
Commemorative Lace Centres
Axminster Rugs
Pretty Table Covers
Mission Oak Rockers
Large Arm Chairs
Arm Rocking Chairs in Mahogany or Golden Oak Finish
High Back Rockers
Extra Strong Arm Chairs in Golden finish. These are reinforced by iron rods
Jardinere Stands, Mission Oak Bookshelf
Mission Bookshelf
Extra Quality Pillows
Andirons in Black
Silver Child's Mugs
Silver Toast Racks
Silver Breakfast Cruets
Silver Pie Knives
Handsome Jardinieres
Earthenware Umbrella Stands, something new in decoration.

\$3.50

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Handsome Cushions
Pretty Wilton Rugs
Oriental Brass Jardinieres
Oriental Brass Vases
Child's Reed Arm Chair
Child's Reed Arm Rocker
Solid Oak Arm Chair
Arm Diner in Mission
Folding Go-Carts
Large Arm Chair
Reed Cane Stands
Magazine Stand in Mission Oak. Has 3 shelves and handle to carry about.
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Japanese Draft Screens
Nicely decorated four fold screen. This is very special value at \$3.50.
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Silver Marmalade Jars
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Silver Cake Dishes
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\$4.50

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Handsome Bed Spreads
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Tapestry Panels
Dainty Cushion Covers
Arm Rockers in Oak
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Upholstered Dining Chair
Office Stool in solid oak
Parlor Table, A handsome style in mahogany finish
Fire Set, in Brass. Three pieces, shovel, tongs and poker
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Sterling Open Salts and Spoons in pretty case.
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The China Department offers you a very wide choice of gifts at \$4.50. Space does not permit of our listing them here. Some of the most stunning creations are to be seen this special offering of this department is a 40-piece China Set at \$4.50. See this offering.

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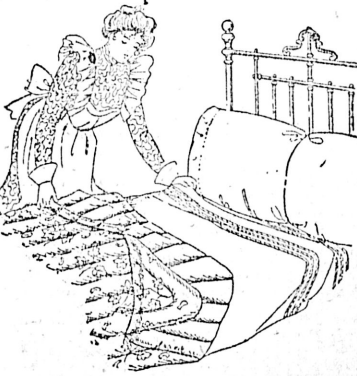
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Handsome Lace Curtains
Commemorative Cushion Covers
Axminster Rugs
Child's Walking Chair
Old Hickory Arm Chair
Large Arm Rocker
Reed Cane Stands
Ladies' Bedroom Rockers
Dining Chairs in Oak
Tabourettes in Oak
Jardinere Stands, Oak Iron Bedsteads, pretty designs and full size
Folding Meat Safes
Pictures. A great variety of choice Artotype engravings framed with 3 inch oak, mission finish, frames. Size 27 x 34. A variety of high-class subjects.
Fire Sets in Brass, 3 pieces, shovel, tongs and poker
Wire Spark Guards
Silver Mounted Oak Biscuit Jar. Pretty styles.
Silver Cake Dishes
Dozen Silver Coffee Spoons
"Libbey" Cut Glass Nappies in a very pretty cutting



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NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. Jos. T. Clark, editor of Toronto Saturday Night, in a recent article strikes a note which will arouse the interest and excite the enthusiasm of every westerner. He is strongly of the opinion that the next political leader in Canada should come from the West, declaring that "if the next man to follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the dominant personality in Canadian politics were a British Columbian it would be the most fortunate thing that could happen." Mr. Clark does not say so but he suggests the inference that none of the members of the "Solid Seven" are, in his opinion, in a position to "deliver the goods." He says in part:

This is not written as an advance notice for some boy wonder aspiring to prominence in the craggy politics of the Coast province, nor in the flat far-as-the-eye-can-see politics of the prairie, but arises out of the conviction that the rounding out of the Dominion calls for the appearance on the scene at an early date of a national leader whose political enthusiasms will be as broad as the geography of the Dominion—a man not steeped in the traditions of pre-Confederation politics, a man who will approach national questions not along a path beaten hard by his predecessors but from a new side and a pathless region, his own would expect in a new country. The next great leader requires to travel to Ottawa from a sufficient distance to guarantee a comprehension on his part of the size of the country he is to handle, he needs to arrive at the capital travel-soiled and with a heavy bill for mileage to guarantee his interest in the transportation question, our greatest problem; he needs to come from the West and journey towards the sunrise in reaching Ottawa, carrying optimism with him and faith in the new day. Coming from a young province, Confederation will to him seem venerable and no longer in any sense a thing of the past, and he will not even need to discuss it. He will not believe in the ghosts that have scared timid men at Ottawa, and he will boldly enter the haunted chambers of our politics and no dreadful consequence will follow. He will not care a great deal about the interests of the Eastern provinces, which have so much influenced public policy in the past.

That the tide is setting strongly against the present Ottawa government is the opinion of the shrewdest political observers in the Dominion. They base their calculations upon the results in the various by-elections which have been held recently, reduced Liberal majorities and the loss of seats which were looked upon as government strongholds being regarded as straws which indicate quite plainly which way the wind is blowing. In this connection, the Toronto News, which maintains an independent position in the discussion of Federal politics, says:

The result in Centre York is the most damaging blow the Liberal government has sustained since 1896. The constituency has a normal Liberal majority of 300. It was admitted that Senator Campbell was a weak candidate. Liberals were rejoicing that in Dr. McLean they had a man who could unite the Liberals in the riding and poll the full strength of the party. He is as good a candidate as his friends said he was, and certainly he had more than 200 to 300 of a majority. But he comes out with an advantage of only nineteen. This result, combined with the loss of Colchester in Nova Scotia, with the collapse in London, the reduction of the Liberal majority in North-West, and the increase of the Conservative majority in East Northumberland, must have very distinct significance for ministers at Ottawa. When a Canadian government shows loss of strength in by-elections it is not far from its downfall. It has to be added that all sections of the Conservative party fought together for Mr. Wallace, and that their campaign was thoroughly spirited and aggressive.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, after surveying the condition of the provincial finances, arrives at the very cheering conclusion that British Columbia may look forward to not only being the most prosperous province in the Dominion, but the one in which the burden of taxation will bear most lightly upon the people. While this may be regarded in some quarters as an extremely optimistic view, we are inclined to believe that so desirable a state of affairs may easily be brought about by the wise administration of our public affairs.

Says the News-Advertiser: From the statements of the condition of the finances in other provinces it would seem that throughout the Dominion the various provincial governments are making desperate and unsuccessful efforts to keep their expenditures within their revenues. In some provinces this is a matter of some difficulty, seeing that their natural resources are not of a magnitude nor of a character to provide means for taxation and their revenue is in consequence principally derived from the Dominion subsidy direct taxation in British Columbia it is very different. With the further development of the natural resources of the province the revenue from the latter should so largely increase as to make direct taxation scarcely necessary for revenue purposes, or only as a reserve in case of emergency or of some extraordinary and unexpected demand. Under wise administration British Columbia should become the richest province in the Dominion, and at the same time the one in which taxation bore the most lightly on the people. Nothing would attract population and capital more effectively than that.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, December 31, 1867.

Importation.—The sloop Harriet brought fifty fine fat sheep from San Juan Island yesterday, as a contribution to our meat market.

Skating.—During the last few days the lovers of skating have taken advantage of the frost. The palm of glory lies between Messrs. Roscoe and Tye, whose performances on Skinner's and Harriet's Bottoms were greatly admired. Unquestionably they are both accomplished skaters.

An Apt Illustration.—No better picture of the condition of the country could be drawn than that given by Mr. Boone in his speech at the Liberal Confederation meeting, when he compared it to that of a miner buried in a rich drift. Mr. Boone's description of the unbounded and unparalleled wealth and resources of British Columbia, the Red River and Saskatchewan countries, is not at all exaggerated, and it is more to be appreciated and relied upon on account of the speaker being an American and not prejudiced in our favor.

Welcome Thaw.—The weather moderated late on Sunday night and yesterday morning our denizens were awakened by the pattering of rain on the roofs. It is hoped that the thaw has extended to New Westminster, and that the river is now open to navigation. We can imagine no situation more dreary or unpleasant than that of being blockaded at New Westminster by ice and unable to visit Victoria during the holiday season.

To be sure, there is the road to Burrard Inlet, but then, the Columbian pronounces it impassable, so no outlet could be had via the inlet should the river close. We therefore earnestly hope that the thaw may have extended to the "Capital."

Steamer Coming.—A telegram announces the sailing of a steamer with a mail, for Alaska, on Saturday. She will doubtless touch at Victoria, and may be here tomorrow.

A stranger would suppose, to witness the apathetic attitude of our people, that Confederation would prove a monstrous curse. Instead of the greatest blessing that could be conferred upon us; that the people, instead of being, as we know they are at heart, impressed with the importance and desirability of the Union, are really averse to it. Now, we think that our people ought not to be ashamed to learn a lesson from the younger community of Cariboo and should follow that worthy example and shake off their apathy. We want to see as bold, and vigorous and mainly expression of popular feeling in furtherance of this great and glorious work as we have lately heard from the heart of the miners. The bone and sinew—the real producers—the section upon which the whole colony relies for support—has spoken, and spoken well, through its representative men, in favor of a close communion with the Confederacy. It now remains for Vancouver Island to second this expression of sentiment in no unambiguous and unmistakable manner as to render it impossible for any honorable member to rise in his place and tell the ministry (upon the authority of our Colonial Secretary) that "British Columbia is not prepared for Confederation," and the grand work will be accomplished. Continued apathy will ruin the cause.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Sir William Crookes, who has been awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry, is one of the most versatile of living savants, having given valuable contributions to the study of the most diverse subjects as spiritualism, the wheat supply, the radiation of light, the cultivation of beetroots, and the art of dyeing fabrics. Sir William was born in 1832, and became interested in scientific research when quite a lad. Before he was thirty he discovered a new element called thallium, which was one of the wonders of the International Exhibition held in London in 1862. Since that time he has devoted his life to science, and his name will go down to posterity as the inventor of the Crookes tube, the instrument which made possible the wonders of the X-rays.

"Oscar the Second, King of Sweden, who died on December 8, was also styled 'The King of the Goths and Vandals'—a singular title, with its suggestion of barbarism, for a Sovereign who was perhaps the most cultured and accomplished monarch of his time," says the Daily Chronicle. "There was nothing of the Goth or Vandal in him, either by instinct or race. For he was the direct descendant in the fifth degree of a village blacksmith in the south of France. This blacksmith had a son who became an attorney at Pau; the attorney's son, in turn, had a son who entered the French army as a private soldier, and rose, under Napoleon, to the rank of field-marshal. Marshal Bernadotte—for that was his name—was elected to the Crown of Sweden, and his grandson, Oscar I., so that the deceased King was the great-great-grandson of the French village blacksmith. Sweden offers one of the few instances in history of a stable and enduring monarchial house founded by a private soldier."

"The new King of Sweden should first of all duties come easily to him in view of the fact that he has acted so frequently as Regent before his accession to the throne," says the Westminster Gazette. "King Gustavus is now in his fifth year, is married to Princess Victoria of Baden-Baden, and has three sons, the eldest of whom, Gustavus Adolfus, is the husband, of course, of Princess Margaret of Connaught. The new King is not credited with the literary tastes of his father, but on the other hand he has tastes and aptitudes for military affairs which the latter never possessed."

"Mr. Lloyd George, who does not allow private grief to stifle the call of public duty, has performed another service of the highest importance," says the Daily Chronicle (December 6). "He has saved the cashmere section from the incalculable calamity of a strike or lock-out. In speaking to representatives of the masters and the men, after the declaration of peace, he gave the credit to the sterling qualities of Lancashire folk, and especially to their saving good sense. And this is perfectly true. But Lancashire men are also stubborn fighters, and what was wanted was the intervention of a friendly mediator before the fight began. This is the part

which the president of the board of trade has played with signal success. He was able to suggest a way round the difficulty which threatened war. The Brooklands Agreement, as it has been called, did not meet all the actual conditions of trade in which refinements of manufacture are constantly introducing innovations. The settlement now arrived at not only terminates the dispute in the Oldham district to the satisfaction of both parties, but seems likely to bring about against future difficulties of the kind."

"The founder, designer, and owner of the new London Treasure House, in Hatton Garden," says the British Australasian (November 28), "is Mr. Stewart Dawson. Thirty-five years ago, when a young man, he set up a watch and jewellery business in Liverpool, and in ten years' time had accumulated capital sufficient for the great colonial venture for which he had long nursed an ambition. In 1881 he went out to Sydney, where he chiefly dealt together a notable success. It was not many years before he had colossal establishments in every great city in Australasia—Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin—eight separate jewellery palaces, all upon the ready-money principles which had served him so well at the outset of his career, and all prosperous, and now he establishes himself in London on a scale and with a purpose that is bound to gain recognition."

BRITISH OPINION

Canada (London)—Much has been said and written about the projected all-British route from the Mother Country by way of Canada to the Australasian colonies and India, the strategic centre of the Empire. But the Hon. Clifford Sifton's address to the members of the Liberal Colonial club strikes us as the most luminous and convincing statement of the arguments in favor of this great Imperial project which has yet been made on a public occasion. The speaker, who was well received by an audience anxious to show that Liberalism and Imperialism are not necessarily contradictory terms (certainly they are not so in Canada or New Zealand), began by pointing out that, inasmuch as Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution had been accepted by all the other delegates to the Imperial Conference, both the Mother Country and the self-governing Colonies were actually committed to the project. That is to say, the British Government cannot refuse to give a proportional subsidy without being guilty of a breach of good faith. Canada is prepared to pay half the cost of establishing the Atlantic service as well as a substantial subsidy in aid of the Pacific Steamship line, and it should also be remembered that Mr. Sifton might have emphasized this point, that the railway route across the Dominion was also a very real sense provided by the Canadian people, seeing that the transcontinental railways could never have been built without the help of their Government. Canada, having a frontage on both oceans, must give most, and she gives it willingly; nor, to judge by the remarks of the Hon. General of New Zealand, is Australasia likely to refuse adequate assistance. The failure of the British Government to follow the example of the British Dominions beyond the seas would be an unpardonable exhibition of the political folly of Little-Englandism. Mr. Sifton's plan, showing that vessels could be built to steam at an average of 24 knots an hour between Great Britain and Canada, went on to confute the contention that this ocean-route is more dangerous than the longer journey to an American port. The three special dangers mentioned by the pessimists were (1) fog, (2) icebergs, (3) the difficulty of navigating the St. Lawrence. But as regards the first, a vessel steaming to Halifax would not be nearly so much hampered by fog as a vessel in the New York "lane," the proportion being 3 to 5 in favor of the former route. As regards the second danger, it is a matter of common knowledge that Atlantic navigators that there is about the same amount of ice on either route. Thirdly, statistics prove that the navigation of the St. Lawrence is not nearly so dangerous as people imagined. There is only one spot between Quebec where vessels of large draught have to wait, and the Canadian Government is about to remedy that natural defect by deepening the channel. Mr. Sifton pressed home the larger arguments for the project—the necessity of assuring the food-supply of the Mother Country, of providing a first line of communication with the British Empire of dependencies, etc.—and did not forget to remind his hearers that Canada, by subsidizing the construction of fast steamships which could be used as cruisers in time of war, was actually contributing towards the cost of maintaining British sea-power. In conclusion, he said that the project, though not based primarily on commercial arguments, would eventually prove a commercial success. Nobody who looks ahead and knows what Canada Australia and New Zealand are capable of becoming in a decade is likely to refuse to accept that forecast.

London Standard.—It cannot be too often or too insistently urged that the chief need of the Empire is swift and cheap transportation by means of which trade may be facilitated and enlarged and the free movement of the whole population encouraged. The whole future prosperity of Canada, Australia and New Zealand depends upon the increased immigration of people of their own race. We have already suggested that Canada, in pursuance of her own interests, should next year charter a fleet of steamships which should bring to her shores, free of expense, selected emigrants from this country. Such an arrangement could easily be made in conjunction with the scheme of the All-Red route. It is for Australia and New Zealand to complete the system, in so far as they are able to do so, by giving aid from Vancouver.

London Daily Chronicle.—The opponents of the scheme have long since had to fall back to conjecture upon which to base arguments against the practical working of the scheme to which the Government in principle is definitely committed. One favorite argument has been that the shortest route across the Atlantic—from Liverpool to Halifax—was the safest, and that across the dangerous fog zone, Mr. Sifton, in his able address before the Liberal Colonial club, demolished this argument once and for all by the incontrovertible facts from an independent and impartial source.

Westminster Gazette.—We feel sure that the possibility of an All-Red route being established as an Imperial undertaking depends upon, the scheme

being acceptable to Australia and New Zealand as well as to Canada. If the scheme is to be acceptable and, by the present Government it will have to be one which justifies itself as improving Imperial inter-communication, not as a scheme of steamship subsidies.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

An Open Letter to Mayor Morley. Sir—In my letter to you of the 24th Instant I dealt with a matter which, in my opinion, involves a serious breach of faith on the part of the British Government. I indicated that your customary display of ill-taste had dodged the legal point and have been going before Mr. Justice Irving and arranging for an adjustment of the blunder (if it is a blunder) for which you (or some one under you) are responsible in failing to demand the right of revision as required by law without notifying me of your intention.

The question between us is entirely one that concerns the public and you have endeavored, as you always do, to make it a personal matter. Did you or I judge by the remarks of the Hon. General of New Zealand, is Australasia likely to refuse adequate assistance. The failure of the British Government to follow the example of the British Dominions beyond the seas would be an unpardonable exhibition of the political folly of Little-Englandism. Mr. Sifton's plan, showing that vessels could be built to steam at an average of 24 knots an hour between Great Britain and Canada, went on to confute the contention that this ocean-route is more dangerous than the longer journey to an American port. The three special dangers mentioned by the pessimists were (1) fog, (2) icebergs, (3) the difficulty of navigating the St. Lawrence. But as regards the first, a vessel steaming to Halifax would not be nearly so much hampered by fog as a vessel in the New York "lane," the proportion being 3 to 5 in favor of the former route. As regards the second danger, it is a matter of common knowledge that Atlantic navigators that there is about the same amount of ice on either route. Thirdly, statistics prove that the navigation of the St. Lawrence is not nearly so dangerous as people imagined. There is only one spot between Quebec where vessels of large draught have to wait, and the Canadian Government is about to remedy that natural defect by deepening the channel. Mr. Sifton pressed home the larger arguments for the project—the necessity of assuring the food-supply of the Mother Country, of providing a first line of communication with the British Empire of dependencies, etc.—and did not forget to remind his hearers that Canada, by subsidizing the construction of fast steamships which could be used as cruisers in time of war, was actually contributing towards the cost of maintaining British sea-power. In conclusion, he said that the project, though not based primarily on commercial arguments, would eventually prove a commercial success. Nobody who looks ahead and knows what Canada Australia and New Zealand are capable of becoming in a decade is likely to refuse to accept that forecast.

I have read with much interest the letter by the India contributor Mr. A. Bond, published in The Colonist, in which he charges you with a breach of good faith in the Hindu invasion question. The general opinion is that when the Occidental and the Oriental, who look upon human nature from diverse points of view, arrive at the same conclusion regarding an individual, that the friends of that individual have been unable to look toward a higher exemplar; but that it has been necessary for me to sink to your level in order to show you that you are clearly in the wrong.

PIRANK HIGGINS. Victoria, B. C., 30 Dec., 1907.

Milk Will Remove Sting.

Sir—Probably but few people are aware that a drop of fresh milk will instantly cure the effects of cayenne pepper in the eye. In the year 1843 when in Barbadoes I, after playing with some hot green peppers, rubbed the juice in my eyes and suffered agony. A friend took me into a negro's hut when a black woman dropped some milk in my eyes, when the pain ceased instantly. Years afterward I did the same man who had cayenne pepper in his eyes with the same result. The knowledge of this might be of use.

EDWARD BARKLEY. Retired Capt. R. N.

Wheat in Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The Winnipeg wheat market opened slightly weaker than on Saturday, but trading was active during the day, as business was fairly brisk. The December and January options were 1½ lower at the close, while May was ¼ lower and July ¼. The demand for cash wheat was very light, but there was a good demand for the lower grades for export.

GUESTS AT CITY HOTELS

At the Driand—G. E. Ellis, Goldfield. O. W. Way, Goldfield. E. J. Vaughan, Vancouver. R. J. Short, Seattle. P. Clark, Crofton. A. Burnett, Crofton. R. H. Zanby, Vancouver. Mrs. E. H. Zanby, Vancouver. Mrs. F. J. Lewis, Vancouver. E. W. Breed, Vancouver. C. H. Gillis, Vancouver. J. Osborn, Vancouver. C. A. Crosbie, Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. R. Lyall, Vancouver. Miss Lyall, Vancouver. W. J. Peabody, Vancouver. J. K. Cornwall, Edmonton. Henry Lee, Vancouver. J. Vanlorsale, Seattle. Frank L. Benson, Vancouver. A. H. Kell, Tacoma. J. W. Smith, Vancouver. J. W. Bryan, Duncan. Mrs. R. B. Dier, Ladysmith. Miss R. B. Ladysmith. R. B. Broomfield, Tacoma. Wm. Russell, Winnipeg. K. Sinclair, Winnipeg. A. Vaughan, Winnipeg. Mrs. N. Eaton, Winnipeg. E. J. Palmer, Chelmsford. John Watson, Glasgow, Scotland. E. F. H. Howell, Vancouver. G. H. Martin, Vancouver. J. A. Gill, Kamloops. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Green, Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coleman, Portland. S. Oppenheim, Vancouver.

At the Dominion—Ed. Henderson, Vancouver. Mr. Allen, New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stelk, Portland. J. S. Barstad, Portland. Mrs. Monk, Chelmsford. W. Wilson, Dunsmuir. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, Ladysmith. Dorothy Crome, Ladysmith. C. Van Horne, Seattle. D. C. Nolle, Seattle. W. Jones, Adna, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. D. McKee, Regina. W. Cooper and family, Grand Forks. John Gavin, Regina. C. E. Green, Vancouver. John Graham and wife, Kitslos. J. G. Laman, Dawson. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Winnipeg. W. D. Lytle, Chilliwack. Andrew Lytle, Chilliwack. J. Montgomery, Moose Jaw. A. Montgomery, Moose Jaw. F. Montgomery, Moose Jaw. J. B. Green, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Van Cott, City. M. D. Couch, City. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, City. John Van Statton, City. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doyle, Seattle. L. White, Spokane. Agnes Gatham, Spokane. Annie Ryan, Spokane. Fred St. Onge, Spokane. Sammie Weston, Spokane. Sid Clare, Spokane. Nan Ryan, Spokane. Mabel Wyatt, Spokane. J. C. Rattray, Banff. Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer, Ladner. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crow, St. Paul. C. D. A. Barker, Vancouver. T. R. Morton, Vancouver. L. Gifford, New Westminster. O. Roifer, Wallacerville. H. Williams, Port Roberts. N. Clunes, Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark, Vancouver. J. B. Hoplin, Vancouver. Edwin Smith, Duncan. F. Hewitt, Vancouver. G. H. McKenzie, Vermilion. Wright, Port, Albert. Chas. McHardy, Vancouver. G. Brown, Vancouver. R. G. Farmer, Clayburn.

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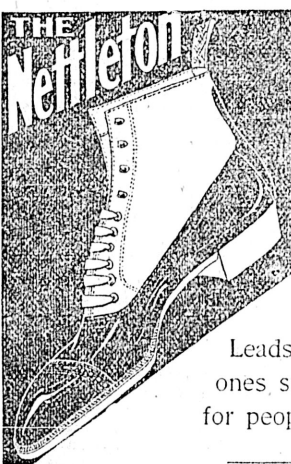
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FIRST MINERALOGIST JOINS LE ROI STAFF

Big Rossland Company Secures Services of F. A. Carlyle

F. A. Carlyle, the first provincial mineralogist and who organized the provincial bureau of mines, has been appointed consulting engineer of the Le Roi Mining and Smelting company, Rossland, according to news recently received in the city.

Mr. Carlyle has a world wide reputation as a mining engineer. He left the employment of the provincial government to act as superintendent of the British American corporation which formerly operated the Le Roi mine. Some years later he left that company to become manager of the Rio Tinto Copper Mining company operating the Rio Tinto mine in Spain, one of the largest copper mines in the world. It is only lately that he has severed his connection with that company and has set up as a consulting engineer in Victoria.

News of the appointment appears in the latest issue to hand of the London Critic.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Mayor Will Receive

The mayor will receive on New Year's day a his residence at 865 Haywood avenue, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Ladies' Musical Society Concert

The concert of the Ladies' Musical society will be held in the hall of the Carnegie Public Library at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, January 4.

Metropolitan Epworth League

The Metropolitan league will hold a social reception this evening from 8 to 11 p. m. A programme will be given and refreshments served. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

Chinese Mission Social.

The annual social of the Presbyterian Chinese mission will be held in the mission hall, Government street, this evening at eight o'clock. An invitation is extended to all friends.

Petition Goes to Ottawa

B. Knights, secretary of the Oriental Exclusion league of this city has forwarded the petition he has gathered against the admission of Japanese to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is signed with 1,200 names.

Joseph Martin Will Speak

The secretary of the Oriental Exclusion league has received word from Joseph Martin, stating that he will be in the city early in January and will be prepared to address a meeting of the league.

Contract is Awarded

The provincial government has awarded the contract for the timber for the bridge over the Thompson river at Spence's bridge to E. H. Heap & Co., of Vancouver. Tenders for the cast and wrought ironwork are being called and must be in by Jan. 15.

Christians Will Meet

A two days' conference for Christians will be held in Gospel hall, Pandora street, tomorrow and Thursday. The occasion is the annual meeting of "Christians," and the following are expected to take part: Messrs. R. Miller of Glasgow, Hareus of Everett, Rouse of Toronto and Rae of Alberta.

Will Raise Money

At the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. mission branch on Sunday afternoon it was decided to raise a fund of \$50 for the purpose of maintaining and helping on the work. During the afternoon, Rev. E. Le Roy Dakin, Prof. Burwash and Secretary A. J. Bruce delivered addresses.

Christmas Music Repeated

The special Christmas music which was so much enjoyed in St. James Anglican church on Christmas day was repeated Sunday by special request. The service throughout was bright and in keeping with the glad season, the pastor, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, preaching sermons appropriate to the occasion. The solos, duets, trios and quartets were rendered by Mrs. McE. Smith, Mrs. Daniel and Messrs. Worlock and Foster, while R. C. Taylor presided at the organ.

Full Court Sittings.

The full court meets this day week, January 2, 1908, and will probably sit for over two weeks as there is likely to be a lengthy list including one or two exceptionally heavy cases. It is possible that in order not to interfere with the new business coming up the full court may hold a short sittings before that date in order to clear several pending matters out of the way. In the meantime the judges of the supreme court are all exceedingly busy, although it is vacation time, writing their judgments in cases which were reserved at recent sittings so as to have everything clear for the new year.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Largest Attendance in Twenty Years
Saw Scholars Receive Their Gifts

The Christmas entertainment in the First Presbyterian church last evening proved most successful. The attendance was the largest known in 20 years. A lengthy programme consisting of part and solo singing, instrumental music, recitations and dialogues were rendered. A competition in solo singing was held, the successful competitors being Miss Edith Peterson and Miss Edith Webb. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with colored incandescent lights and laden with all manner of gifts to the pupils of the school. A large number of books were distributed as prizes and gifts to different pupils, and each received a bag of candy in addition. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell presided in the absence of the superintendent, John Weston, who arrived in time to close the entertainment.

Much credit is due to the teachers of the school for the manner in which the pupils were trained and to H. Dobson for the decoration of the tree.

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PASTOR PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON

Rev. E. Leroy Dakin Meets His Congregation for the Last Sunday of His Pastorate

Rev. E. Leroy Dakin preached his farewell sermon to the congregation of Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday evening last. He took as his subject: "The rule of God is the goal of life, the end and aim of human existence."

In developing his subject Mr. Dakin stated that the duty of his will was the eternal necessity of our life. To find God's place for people means to fix the limits of their life. These are fixed by God.

Continuing, he said: "It is our business to make the most of our poor physique with cheerful fortitude. It irritates us to recognize our insuperable inferiority to other men. We envy Newton, Spinoza, Hoffman and Tennyson, but there is no use of our shedding tears because our intellectual range is so narrow, and our intellectual force is so small. It is our business to do the most with such ability as we have. Some men are greater than others because they stand on moral truth. No man whom God has made has any right to despise his talents. It is his business to make the most of his opportunities. Man must have an abiding conviction of what God's work is for him. This means that our religion must be the regulative and directive power of our lives."

"In this way we recognize the sacredness of life. God's spirit breathes through all the spheres of human activity. Not only in church and revival meetings, but in the party caucuses and the elections of members to parliament. Thus God wrought through Moses, David and Ezekiel in their respective political efforts."

"God is breathing his spirit through the present strife of party. We should register our ideals on the face of our statute books."

"All of this means self-sacrifice. This age bitterly resents the universal application of the spirit of the cross. The cross and not the crown is the badge of life."

"The supreme necessity of our lives is that we be determined to do his will at any cost."

Mr. Dakin and his family will be tendered a farewell at the church on Friday evening next. They leave on Saturday morning's boat.

Dangerous to Pedestrians

Complaints have been received by the lands and works department of the province that a portion of the hand-rail along the sidewalk on Head street had been removed, and that the condition was dangerous to the pedestrian after nightfall. The road superintendent has been instructed to see that this condition is remedied at once.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 30, 1907.

SYNOPSIS.
A storm area of decided energy is central on the Washington coast where a fresh easterly gale prevails and there is a general decrease of pressure in British Columbia and the prairie provinces; rain has fallen from the straits to San Francisco where a thunderstorm occurred, and light snow on the plateau lands of eastern Oregon; snow has fallen on the higher levels of Vancouver island. The weather continues to be cold in this province the temperature at Barkerville falling to 6 below zero. East of the Rockies the weather is chiefly fair and somewhat warmer.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	35	42
Vancouver	36	44
Seattle	36	44
Kamloops	20	24
Barkerville	6 below 21	
Port Simpson	14	24
Atlin	14	24
Dawson	10 below 4	
Calgary, Alta.	2 below 20	
Winnipeg, Man.	8	14
Portland, Ore.	38	42
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Increasing winds chiefly easterly, cloudy and cold with snow today or on Wednesday.
Lower Mainland: Winds chiefly easterly, increasing on straits, cloudy and cold with snow today or Wednesday.

SUNDAY.
Highest..... 42
Lowest..... 35
Mean..... 38
Sunshine, 1 hour.

MONDAY.
Highest..... 42
Lowest..... 35
Mean..... 38

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

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CLAIMS WARD ONE HAS BEEN NEGLECTED

Alexander Watson Says Present Council Has Not Done It's Duty

Because he believes that the present city council has practically ignored the claims of Ward One, Alexander Watson, boat builder, Garbally Road, has entered the aldermanic contest, and will be a candidate at the forthcoming civic elections. Mr. Watson claims his ward has been practically neglected in the way of street improvements and sewage, and that that section of the city has not received anything like justice. If he is returned, and he feels confident that the ratepayers of Ward One are anxious for a change, he will do his utmost to obtain a fair share of the year's expenditure, and to further the best interests of his ward. One of the chief questions he will press, is that of sewage. He claims that for years he has been endeavoring to get the city to extend the system to his own street, Catherine street, but despite the requests of himself and the other ratepayers, the council has done nothing in the matter. The excuse offered by the council is that the street lines have not been defined, but Mr. Watson claims that had the present council acted with promptitude this question of street lines would have been settled long since.

On the water question, a question which will loom large before the next council, Mr. Watson is of the opinion that the city should make early provision for a salt water service for fire sprinkling purposes, to be operated from an independent source of power. According to the report of Arthur L. Adams, water expert, the present Elk lake source of water supply is sufficient. If that service is used the Mr. Watson believes, the salt water service should be installed. But he understands that the B. C. Electric company, Limited, intends going to Shawinigan lake for its source of power, and he believes that it could be arranged so that the company and the corporation could combine and bring in water to the city at a cheaper rate, than the city could do by itself.

Mr. Watson sees no reason why the two corporations could not get together. The city could guarantee the company's bonds, and the resulting service would, he believes, be superior to any that the city by itself could provide.

Another need of Victoria West, and one for which the ratepayers of that portion of the city have been seeking for years, is a traffic bridge from the foot of Johnson street, or some place in that vicinity, and a road across the reserve. This improvement, Mr. Watson declares, is an absolute necessity to meet the growing requirements of Victoria West.

WILL HAVE SHELTER

Charitable Victoria Will Provide Land For Shelter for the Hindus

The Hindus now resident in the city and without shelter will be provided with accommodation. G. D. Kumar, religious worker among the Hindus of Victoria, has been making an appeal on behalf of his countrymen and says that a Victoria gentleman has offered him a piece of land on Douglas street on which to erect a building for sheltering those Hindus who are unable to obtain shelter for themselves. Mr. Kumar is now appealing to the generous-hearted Victorians to contribute towards the putting up of a shelter so as to protect his fellow countrymen from the cold and rain. He states that he appealed to the mayor for work for the Hindus, but that that official instead of doing anything in that direction, is endeavoring to have the Hindus deported. Mayor Morley yesterday stated that Mr. Kumar's statement that he was aiming to deport the Hindus and that he had stated that there was no work for them was incorrect. The statement he made at a recent meeting of the council was that Mr. Kumar had told him that there are about 300 Hindus in and about the city, of whom about 200 had no steady employment. Mr. Kumar had approached him to find shelter for about 100, whom he took from Mr. Kumar's remarks, to be more or less destitute. Under the provisions of the immigration act, the terms of which have been communicated to the mayor, the latter had obtained the consent of the council to take steps to deport any of the Hindus who were destitute or likely to become so.

WAS NOT VOLCANO

Professor Burwash Gives His Opinion About Christmas Hill

Christmas hill is not the crater of an extinct volcano. Christmas hill was never a volcano. Hence Victorians can no longer claim, sleeping or waking that they are hovering near the brink, base or any other part of one of the majestic and awe-inspiring but sometimes troublesome monsters. Such is the declaration of Professor Burwash, of Columbia university, who with Rev. Mr. Kinney and A. J. Brace, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., paid a visit to that locality yesterday morning. Mr. Burwash is a scientist of considerable reputation so the chief claim of Christmas hill to notoriety heretofore is dashed to pieces.

In fact so far from owing its peculiar shape to fire, lava or anything hot, Christmas hill owes its shape to ice. It is a glacial deposit, and its origin, the rock which was closely examined by Mr. Burwash, is composed entirely of crystallized schists rounded and worn off by the pressure of the ice in former ages.

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ELECT OFFICERS

The Street Railway Employees Choose Heads for the Ensuing Year

Capital division, No. 109, Amalgamated Society of Street Railway Employees, held its half-yearly meeting at midnight Saturday when the business for the past year was completed. The year, according to the secretary's report, has been a most successful one and the financial condition of the division is first class. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Gibson; vice-president, R. Ward; secretary, George Gardiner; treasurer, L. Cates; clerk, W. Nunn; warden, R. Barr; Sentry, W. Duncalf; correspondent to the "Motor-man and Conductor," F. Polley; executive board members, W. H. Gibson, D. Dewar, V. Dempsey, J. Kenny, H. Walker, advisory board members, W. H. Gibson, V. Dempsey and R. A. Ritchie.

TO CO-OPERATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

J. Obed Smith, Immigration Commissioner Meets Premier and Ministers

The provincial government has brought to the attention of the officials of the Dominion government the fact that a number of alien unemployed are flocking into Vancouver from across the American border, and have asked that they take steps to check the influx. Acting on instructions from Ottawa, J. Obed Smith, commissioner of immigration, held a conference, with Premier McCreedy and several of the ministers, and he will act in conjunction with the provincial authorities insofar as is possible. The provincial government is supplying work to all bona fide Canadians, the foreigner who is out of work, but the announcement has resulted in an unprecedented number of the unemployed from the northwestern states flocking in. Mr. Smith will endeavor to check this. All the unemployed in Vancouver desirous of obtaining work, are now engaged.

CHINATOWN DISPUTE IN THE POLICE COURT

Sealer Accused of Assaulting Chinaman and Not Paying for Meal

The police court was thronged with Chinamen yesterday anxious to hear the outcome of the charge of assault laid against Willie Macklinson, a sealer, barely twenty years old, by Wong Ki Ho, restaurant-keeper on Fisguard street. The first notification received by the police was a hurry-up call about a quarter to 12 on Saturday night. When they reached the place they found Macklinson on the ground, held down by Chinamen, and surrounded by a horde. When they had disengaged the white man the police were informed that two and two others had gone into Wong Ki Ho's restaurant and ordered a meal, which they had eaten, but refused to pay for. Upon being asked again for the money Macklinson said to have smitten the unfortunate Chinaman upon the nose, and followed that blow up by another. His companions were said to have made off, but with the help of numerous reinforcements, the Chinamen succeeded in forcibly detaining Macklinson until the arrival of the police.

In the police court yesterday Wong Ki Ho repeated under oath the story already given to the police. He said there were six men in the restaurant at the time, three of whom had paid for their meals, while the other three, of whom Macklinson was one, refused. He went on to detail the assault upon him, and stated they had detained their man until the arrival of the police. An Hong, a cook, corroborated the testimony given, saying that the blow made Wong Ki Ho's nose bleed.

Macklinson, who had pleaded not guilty, then took the stand in his own behalf. He seemed to tell a straight story and made an exceedingly good impression, with the result that the case changed materially so far as he was concerned. His version was that he was coming up the street with some friends when he saw a fuss outside the Prince of Wales saloon. He ran across the street to see what was going on when he bumped into some Chinamen, who seized him and knocked him down, holding him till the arrival of the police.

Detective Palmer stated that while making the arrest a man was overheard to say that the Chinamen had got hold of the wrong man, and there seemed to be a possibility that the Oriental, who notoriously get excited when anything of that kind occurs, had in the hurry of the scramble mistaken Macklinson for the right man. The latter stated that he could bring witnesses to prove the story was true, and was released on his own recognizance to appear on Friday with his witnesses.

Foresters Elect Officers

Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, at a recent regular meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Past chief ranger, R. W. Evans; chief ranger, F. G. Wyatt; vice-chief ranger, L. Le Souer; financial secretary, A. E. Haynes; recording secretary, R. W. O. Savage; treasurer, George McCandless; chaplain, F. L. Minnick; senior woodward, H. Bromley; junior woodward, H. Woodby; senior beadle, A. Peddie; junior beadle, H. Trickett; physician, Dr. E. C. Hart.

Hindu Religious Meeting.

Sunday service among the Hindus in Victoria was as usual held in No. 2883 Douglas street. G. D. Kumar impressed upon the minds of the audience the evil consequences of drinking liquor, living dirty and being illiterate. Nine pledges against drinking were taken, some showed their readiness to read English and live neat and clean. One told his own story of a sinful life and repented of his past sins. For the future he promised to live as a good man. The meeting lasted for about two hours.

BOGUS CHECK PASSER GETS YEAR IN JAIL

John E. Hainsworth Pleads Guilty to Two Charges—Two Not Pressed

John E. Hainsworth was yesterday sentenced to one year's imprisonment during which he will have opportunity to reflect upon the danger of passing checks without a corresponding credit at the bank. He pleaded guilty to having obtained merchandise and cash from B. Williams & Co., to the total amount of \$47 on the strength of a check on the Canadian Bank of Commerce afterwards found to be worthless. He also pleaded guilty to having given a worthless check for \$9.15 to the Baker Shoe company, getting in return an eight dollar pair of shoes and a pair of rubbers worth \$1.15. The chief of police also read a letter enclosing a refused cheque for \$25 alleged to have been passed by the accused in Vancouver December 15, and stated that he had likewise received information of a fourth attempt when the accused was said to have offered a cheque for \$183, though in the last case the cheque was found to be no good before the goods were shipped. The two last charges however were not pressed, and no evidence was offered in support of them.

William H. Munn, of B. Williams & Co., identified a cheque for \$47 produced in court as the one the accused had given him in payment for a suit of clothes, vest, two suits of underwear and other articles amounting to nearly \$47, the balance of which was given the man in cash. When the cheque was presented at the bank it was returned marked no funds. This occurred December 7 last. He had been provided with a blank cheque in the store.

After his attention had been drawn to the fact, the witness remarked that when Hainsworth was in the store he wore a moustache, which he has since shaved, though just at present he would seem to be attempting to cultivate a full beard.

George B. Archibald, of the Baker Shoe company, testified that on Saturday evening December 7, the accused had bought a pair of shoes and a pair of rubbers at their store, giving a cheque for \$9.15 in payment, which was returned the following Tuesday morning marked "no funds." He identified a cheque book which was found on the accused as the one from which he had taken the cheque, which he made out in the presence of the witness. He had entered the amount of the check on the stub in a business-like fashion and the cheque book would appear to have been frequently used for a similar purpose.

Hainsworth pleading guilty, Magistrate Jay sentenced him to six months imprisonment for each offense, the terms to be served consecutively.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Alexander Watson, Sr., and Children and Grandchildren Foregather for Xmas Greetings

A pleasant event was celebrated on Sunday evening at the residence of Alexander Watson, Sr., 336 Montreal street, when a family reunion was held at which Mr. Watson's five sons, one daughter, a niece and nephew, his grandchildren were present to wish him the compliments of the season. In 1843 Mr. Watson, accompanied by his son, Alexander, boat builder, Garbally Road, came to this country from Leith, Scotland, and for the past four decades has been a respected resident of Victoria.

The present at the reunion were Alexander, Thomas, chief of the local fire brigade; James, of the Marine Iron Works; George, of the firm of Watson & McGregor; Miss A. D. Watson; Mrs. Dodds, daughter of Mr. Watson, Sr., and thirteen grandchildren. The evening was pleasantly spent in recalling memories, and with much merriment for the children. The Watson children contributed several musical selections.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late William J. Nelson, of Rossland, took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing company, where the service was conducted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, assisted by Rev. C. Burnett. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased and many beautiful floral tributes were noticed. The members of the Orange order, of which the deceased had been a member, attended in a body. D. C. McLaren, grandmaster, assisted by A. J. Brace, acting chaplain, conducting the Orange service at the grave. The pallbearers were: W. H. Cullin, J. D. Van, Sheriff, A. Anderson, I. Walsh and P. Allatt.

On Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital, the death occurred of Mary Jane, wife of David Smallwood, at the age of 32 years. She leaves to mourn her death a husband and three children besides her parents, two sisters, Mrs. A. N. Hobkirk and Miss E. McCarter, and three brothers, Alexander, Laurence and Robert McCarter. Deceased who was born at Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario, came to Victoria ten years ago.

The funeral of the late Alfred W. Smith, ex-M. P. for Lillooet, took place at Ross Bay cemetery on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. W. Gladstone conducted the services. Many friends of the deceased attended the obsequies and the floral offerings were numerous. The pallbearers were: Hon. D. M. Eberts, H. Dallas Helmecken, K.C., Lindley Crease, O. C. Hastings, James Moore and A. Holmes.

The funeral of the late David Don took place yesterday from the Hanna undertaking rooms. Rev. G. K. B. Adams officiated, and a large number of deceased's fellow workmen were present. Interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery. The pallbearers were: W. Wilson, J. Granger, A. Patterson, C. Hooper, N. O'Toole, P. Leavin.

The funeral of the late Robert Reid who died Dec. 18 in the Jubilee hospital took place on Sunday afternoon. The body was removed from the Hanna chapel to the L. O. O. F. hall, the deceased being a prominent member of the order. A large gathering of the friends of the deceased were present. The following were pallbearers: G. E. Smith, J. L. Crimp, M. McNeill, W. H. Craig, V. Pope and W. F. Wawcott.

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The funeral of the late Alex. Campbell will take place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. McCallum, Oak street, off Talmie avenue, at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. J. McCoy will officiate.

Canadian Almanac Out

The Canadian Almanac for 1908 has been received from the publishers, the Copp, Clark Company, Limited, of Toronto. The new almanac which is in its first year of publication, is a small, full of usual information pertaining to the Dominion. It is edited by A. W. Thomas and in addition to bringing up to date all the information contained in the past, embodies much additional new information of value to almost everybody.

The latest from Work Point. There was a young man from East Sooke. An Esquimaux Garrison recruit—His Ross rifle one day In disgust threw away: He wanted a gun that would shoot.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve over certain lands in South-Island, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1906, and bore date of August 12th, 1906, is hereby cancelled. The above mentioned lands will be open for location under the land act on March 30, 1908. ROBT. A. RENWICK, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., December 16th, 1907.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

A Hero Worshipper

There is testimony to Sir Walter Scott's popularity with all classes in the "Barford Papers," a chronicle of former days and doings in England and Scotland.

In 1881 Scott was invited to a breakfast at an Edinburgh house. He was so pleased with the Yarmouth blot that were served piping hot that one of the feminine guests went to the market the next day to order some for him to be sent to Sussex place, where he was staying.

"I don't send so far," said the fishmonger. "I am sorry," said the lady. "The order was for Sir Walter Scott."

"The rough fishmonger started back, then pushed forward to the lady through his piles of fish.

"For Sir Walter Scott, did you say, madam? Sir Walter Scott? Bless my soul, he shall have them directly if I have to carry them myself! Sir Walter Scott! They shall be with him to-night." Then pausing, "No, not to-night, for tomorrow morning a fresh cargo comes in, and he shall have them for his breakfast. Sir Walter Scott!"

Mid-Winter Paris Girl

To know all about the fads of fashion, just study the Paris girl. She has a new idea for you not only in each gown she wears, but in all the little touches of her dress which she considers so important.

There is her hat, to begin with it

grows larger by the day. It flares or it droops, according to her individual type, but always it is a mass or trimming. Shaded choux of silk are quite the vogue, with the addition of a paradise feather, wings or an ostrich plume.

Her hat pin would attract attention even if her hat didn't. It is large, too. And though she has different hat pins for every day, she is especially favoring just at present a pin which has for its top a feather bird with outspread wings. As a brilliant color touch it is unequalled.

Of course, she wears earrings. Every French woman of fashion does. And the longer they are just now, the better. Dangling earrings are decidedly the vogue.

When it comes to her furs, here you find much elaboration. Nothing is too lavish in decoration, nothing is too costly for her consideration. Plain furs are out of date. A stole and muff of ermine and mink combined is a late Paris novelty, with bows of the fur as a trimming. A touch of cloth of gold either plain or jeweled is often introduced as a trimming note in the smartest French furs.

Pointed effects just now are the height of fashion. The three-quarter, fitted-fitting coat with each section ending in a point is one of the smartest garments for midwinter. The skirt to wear with such a coat may be gored or circular, but tight-fitting it must be at the waist and over the hips and it must drag everywhere. The Paris girl doesn't favor the short skirt. The approved materials for such a costume are striped velvet for the skirt, say in Burgundy and black, and Burgundy and velvet introduced in cuffs, collar, and waistcoat.

A Lady Armorer

If it were possible to compile such data, it would be extremely interesting to know to what extent women have influenced the uniforms and equipment of their fighting mates. A little instance in point is the steel curb shoulder-strap of the British cavalry.

When Sir George Luck was setting out for Kandahar during the Afghan operations, Lady Luck, knowing probably something of the fighting methods of the tribesmen, whose four-foot knife can cut clean from shoulder to waist, sewed a couple of steel curb chains under each of the shoulder-strap on her husband's tunic. As a protection from sword-cuts these proved so effective that at the end of the campaign Sir George made a report in relation thereto, with the result that they were adopted as a permanent feature of the cavalry uniform.

To Prevent Cracking

To prevent lamp chimneys from cracking, place them in a pot filled with cold water, add a little salt, boil well over the fire, but slowly.

Unscrewing Tops of Jars

Should the top of a glass jar refuse to come off, turn the jar upside down in a pan containing hot water and allow it to remain a minute or two. It can usually be unscrewed with little effort.

Bleaching Flannel

When white flannel has been scorched, hang it in the bright sunlight. Unless the scorch has gone through the goods this will remove it.

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the *Colonist* is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

Sir Conan Doyle has written a new book, "Through the Magic Door," London, Geo. Bell & Sons, which is not a novel, but a pleasant book of gossip about authors and their ways. In it he tells how he gathered together the first books of his own library. Some of these were procured in his student days by the strictest self denial. Among these are Gordon's "Fables," Addison's works, Temple's Essays, the Tale of a Tub, A Life of Bacon, Clarendon's History and other classics.

The first books the author ever owned were Scott's novels, which were devoured in hours stolen from sleep. In pleasant easy style Sir Conan Doyle tells of these and many other books he loves. The following sentences are from this book, which will be welcomed by all book lovers:

"I care not how humble your book-shelf may be, nor how lowly the room which it adorns. Close the door of that room behind you, shut off with it all the cares of the outer world, plunge back into the soothing company of the great dead and then you are through the magic portal into that fair land whither worry and vexation can follow no more. You have left all that is vulgar and all that is sordid behind you. There stand your noble, silent comrades waiting in their ranks. Pass your eye down their files. Choose your man. And then you have but to hold up your hand to him and away you go together into dreamland."

There never was a time when the physical well-being of the civilized races of humanity received so much consideration as it does in these days. The greatest minds of the age are bringing the experience of the past and the latest discoveries of science to aid in the eradication of disease.

For some of these ills cures have been found and the bad effects of others have been greatly ameliorated. The knowledge of the laws of health has become more widely diffused and people have learned to live in conformity with nature. Even in the most crowded parts of the great centres of population cleanliness has done much to banish disease. Houses are more sanitary and many of those diseases which are the result of filth have disappeared from northern cities.

The plague, smallpox and typhus fever, which formerly carried off thousands of people every year, are becoming year by year less fatal.

Even the sufferer from tuberculosis has been given hope that if the disease has not made too great progress he may be restored to health and usefulness. Cancer, so far, has baffled the efforts of scientists to discover either its cause or its cure, except in so far as the skill of the surgeon has been efficacious.

Perhaps, the most hopeful experiment that has yet been tried and the one most likely to have the greatest effect on the physical health of future generations, is that of the medical examination of the pupils of the public schools. If during their school life children can be kept from contracting diseases their chances for healthy, vigorous manhood will be greatly increased.

It might be thought that parents should be trusted to look after the health of their own children, but all parents have not the necessary knowledge to detect the signs of disease and some are too careless to seek means of remedy for those of which they know.

All teachers are aware that many parents apparently intelligent, will allow children with defective eyesight, impaired hearing or suffering from some childish weakness to enter a class without warning the teacher of the fact. Many a nervous child has been retarded in its progress or suffered in other ways because the teacher has been left to discover what should have been told. Systematic and intelligent medical inspection would prevent these evils as well as raise the standard of health among the children.

Every woman in Canada should read the speech of Earl Grey to the women of Montreal at the inauguration of the Canadian club which was published in the magazine section of Sunday's *Island*.

The governor-general points out to the women of Montreal and the women of Canada that their influence in national life is very great.

He shows that as mother, wife and mistress of the home she can make men brave and honorable and pure. If the eloquent words of Earl Grey are true, a tremendous responsibility is laid upon women. When he points out to them that it is their duty to shut the doors of their houses against the men who corrupt the sources of domestic, civic and national life, he points to a cure for the evils which have grown up among young Canadian people. Whether the women of Canada are themselves pure hearted and strong hearted enough to perform the duty to which the governor-general points, may perhaps be doubted, if they were, wickedness in high places would not have become so conspicuous as it unfortunately is. That pure and gentle, loving and brave women are needed in Canada today is the message which the governor-general sends from Montreal and to this message Canadian women should respond by much heart searching and great effort.

The kind words that are now being said of a prominent Canadian who has lately passed away remind one of how often people comment upon the

good qualities of others only when their ears are deaf to words which, if said before, would have given great pleasure. Whether we will admit it or not, we all like to be praised and without undue vanity it may be said that most people often perform acts that are praiseworthy. Yet it is not true that, though blame is meted out with unsparring hand when faults are committed, praise is given by most people who are given at all, graciously? Children at school may recite perfectly for many days and nothing is said, but if there is a failure, the sharp rebuke is always forthcoming. In the business world faithful service is generally taken for granted and employers seldom say those words of appreciation which go so far to lighten the hardest task.

In the home life it is too sadly true that angry petulant words rise too readily to our lips while we fail to give expression to the love that lies deep within our hearts.

The world would be a better as well as a happier place if we looked for the good instead of the evil and were more ready to praise than to blame.

WOMAN'S WORK

The women who intend sending refreshments for the reception at W. C. T. U. Mission on New Year's Day are requested to have their contributions at the rooms before 3 p. m.

Rev. T. R. Gladstone presided at the very pleasant entertainment given at the W. C. T. U. Mission hall on Saturday night, and contributed several numbers towards the programme. He was assisted by Mrs. Gillis, Mr. Stephens, Miss Gladstone, Mr. Hinton, and Miss Moore. These entertainments are increasing in popularity as the season advances.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

For Burns

When burned or scalded apply the white of a raw egg. This is soothing and cooling and if applied at once will relieve the stinging pain and prevent inflammation.

Doesn't Get Sugary

When boiling candy or icing it is well to add a pinch of cream of tartar. This prevents it graining, or turning to sugar.

Insomnia

When bothered with insomnia drink a cup of hot milk just before retiring. It is made much more palatable by adding a pinch of salt and pepper. You will find that this will drive off the wakefulness.

Hot Water First

Housekeepers sometimes have difficulty when cutting hot bread. This will be obviated if the precaution is taken of dipping the knife in hot water.

Don't Stick

When you take your cake pans from the oven, stand them for a few minutes on a damp cloth, the cakes then will come out without sticking.

To Clean Willow Furniture

When the curved cracks and crevices of willow furniture need cleaning, this may be done successfully by rubbing in damp salt with a stiff brush.

Common Starch

To avert chapped hands, take common starch and grind it with a knife until it is reduced to the finest powder. Put it into a tin box, so as to have it always at hand for use. After washing and drying the hands, rub a pinch of starch over them. The effect is magical.

To Absorb Odor

A bowl of water placed in a freshly painted or varnished room will absorb the odor. This plan may also be adopted when the odor of hot smoke is in a room. It is another example of the way in which water, if left about uncovered will absorb impurities.

Hymn to Adversity.

Daughter of Jove, relentless power,
Thou tamer of the human breast,
Whose iron scourge and torturing hour
The bad affright, afflict the best!
Bound in thy adamant chain,
Still on thy silent steps attend,
And purple tyrants vainly groan
With pangs unfeigned before, unpitied and alone.

When first thy sire to send on earth
Virtue, his darling child, design'd,
To thee he gave the heavenly birth
And bade to solemn love infuse his mind.
Still on thy silent steps attend,
With patience may a year she bore;
With sorrow was, thou badst her
know.

And from her own she learn'd to melt
at others' woe.

Scared at thy frown terrific, fly
Self-pleasing folly's idle brood,
Wild laughter, noise, and thoughtless joy.

And leave us leisure to be good,
Light thy desire, and with them go
The summer friend, the flattering foe;

By vain prosperity received,
To heed thy lessons, truth, and are
again believed.

Wisdom in sable garb array'd
Immersed in rapturous thought profound,
And melancholy, silent maid,
With lenient eye, that loves the ground,
Still on thy silent steps attend;

Warm charity, the general friend,
With justice, to herself severe,
And pity dropping soft the sadly-pleasing tear.

O, gently on thy suppliant's head,
Dear Goddess, lay thy chastening hand!
Not in thy Gorgon terrors clad,
Not circled with the vengeful band
(As by the hapless voice, and threatening mien,

With screaming horror's funeral cry,
Despair, and fell disease, and ghastly poverty.

Thy form benign, O Goddess, wear,
Thy mild influence impart,
Thy philosophic train be there array'd,
To softer, not to wound my heart.
The generous spark extinct revive,
Teach me to love and to forgive.

What others are to feel and know myself a Man.

"Why didn't you vote for my friend?" asked the politician. "He's the most popular man in the state."

"That's the reason," answered Farmer Corntossel, "I never yet saw a man that made a business of being popular who had touch of a kink for real hard work."—Washington Herald.

PERSONAL MENTION

The *Colonist* readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Miss Henna Wilson returned to Seattle on Sunday after spending Christmas week with her mother, Mrs. F. Wilson, Pandora avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Daley, of Burnside road, are spending the holidays in Vancouver with their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Douglas.

W. J. Peabody left by the Chippewa yesterday for Seattle, whence he will take the Northern Pacific for Detroit, Mich., on a lengthy visit.

H. Sweden and wife leave by the Chippewa and North Coast Limited today for St. Paul, Minn.

Charles T. Lang, general agent of the Northern Pacific in Vancouver spent yesterday in the city.

E. A. Morris returned to Vancouver yesterday after spending Sunday in the city.

Miss L. M. Bowron of the premier's office leaves this morning to spend New Year's with her sister in Tacoma.

Mrs. White returned to the mainland yesterday after spending Sunday in the city.

F. B. Pemberton left for the mainland this morning on a business trip.

Mrs. T. J. Lewis, who has been spending some time in the city, left yesterday for the mainland.

W. Arvell, J. N. Henderson, F. Fair, W. Whitley, C. Collison, K. Russell, R. Rolston, P. A. Thompson, E. M. Breed, C. A. Crombie, J. Darby, M. Mallandry, J. Osborne, Mrs. Brownlee, Mrs. Levees, A. Beamish, G. C. Ellis, M. Gilkes, Gill, Miss Noble, D. F. Ayres, Mrs. Ogilvie, R. V. Vaughan, C. Gibson, W. Woonson, F. Ferguson, Mrs. McPherson, W. A. Cutler, S. Stewart, L. G. Wing, J. S. Smith, J. K. Cornwall left by this morning's boat for Vancouver.

Hon. W. J. Fowler and Mrs. Bowser, who have been spending the last couple of weeks in Southern California are expected to return to the city early in January.

St. Steele formerly of Paisley, Ont., now of Vancouver, is spending the holidays with friends in this city.

Mrs. Combe, with Miss Combe and R. Stuart, arrived at Hotel Del Coronado, Christmas Eve, and augmented the Canadian colony, one of the most numerous colonies of the hotel.

F. B. Smith, inspector of coal mines for Alberta, spent Christmas in the city and left yesterday for Edmonton.

Miss Daisy and Gerlie Allen, daughters of Mrs. S. Allen, Esquimalt street, are visiting with their sister, Mrs. E. J. Bird, of Nanaimo.

HOME NURSING

There is one remedy which every home nurse will need to use at frequent intervals, and which she will do well to study how to give effectively. This remedy is water. It can be used in more different ways and for more different conditions than any other remedy. Its one great drawback in the minds of many people is that it is so cheap, and so simple and human nature does love mystery and secret mixtures where sickness is concerned. There are a great many people both in city and country who are skeptical concerning this simple and (when rightly used) powerful remedy, as was Naaman, when told by the prophet to go wash in the Jordan seven times to be cured of his leprosy. Naaman has many followers in this age. If told to go and pay a dollar or two a bottle for some much-advertised remedy which may be a laudable use of poor whistling, they will rush off willingly and do it, even though they would utterly refuse to take liquor if sold as such. A drink of brandy two or three times a day makes the drinker feel comfortable while the effects last, but when that passes away he feels the need of another. This is exactly the way some popular remedies act.

When one considers that more than two-thirds the weight of the body is water, it will be readily seen why the tissues demand it and respond to it quickly when rightly used. It can be used either hot or cold in its liquid state, also in its solid form as ice, or as a vapor in the form of steam.

A Hot Air Bath.

For breaking up a threatened cold, the hot air bath is often useful. What is termed a modified Turkish bath can be given as follows: Let the invalid sit on a cane-bottomed chair, with his feet on a stool. Wrap a large blanket around the chair, and when the clothing has been all removed, pin the blanket securely together, leaving it snugly about the neck. Under the chair seat a low hand lamp or a small coal oil stove, with an old basin inverted over the latter, if used. Over the blanket wrap a thick "comforter," or quilt, securely pinned, and reaching to the floor to exclude the air. The invalid should last from a half hour to an hour. While it is in progress someone should be in attendance who will see that the invalid is made to drink freely of hot lemonade. Have the bed warm, and under a blanket rub him down with a rough towel. Follow the bath with a brisk purgative, and the probabilities are that if taken in time the cold will be aborted. This can be given to an invalid in bed by placing a box or stool on each side of the bed and laying a narrow flat board across to lift up the bedclothes. An elbow of a stovepipe can be secured to the coal oil stove and the hot air conducted through it underneath the bedclothes. Great care is needed to exclude the cold air as far as possible. In cases where the kidneys are failing to act and there is a puffiness of the limbs, on the backs of the hands, or around the eyes, this kind of treatment is valuable.

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Fancy Table Raisins, pound.....	15c, 25c, 35c
Port Wine, bottle.....	35c, 50c, 75c
Sherry, bottle.....	50c, 75c, \$1.00
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PLAYERS REGISTERED FOR ISLAND LEAGUE

Record Total Signed by Five
Football Clubs for Season
Opening Saturday

There are no less than 188 players, a record number, registered with Secretary Ed. Whyte of the Vancouver Island Football association, distributed among the five senior clubs of the league. The Y. M. C. A. has 51 players signed up, while the Esquimalt United has 42; Ladysmith has 34; the James Bay A. 31, and Nanaimo 26. The season will open next Saturday with the James Bays at Nanaimo, and the Esquimalt United at Ladysmith.

The following are the lists of registered players to enter the respective clubs to which they belong:

Nanaimo Football club—A. Bradshaw, M. Wilkinson, Wm. Graham, H. Manson, H. Ferner, E. Edgar Snowden, P. Gilmour, J. Blundell, J. Thom, W. Walker, Aleck Johnnie, Joe Peters, Thos. Fergus, S. James, W. Steele, D. Thewood, D. Robertson, L. Cayne, Thorne, H. J. Hewitt, M. Cruikshanks, I. Dykes, J. Isaacs, Robin Thom, W. McEwen, J. Galloway; total, 26.

James Bay Athletic association—R. Peden, W. Northcott, S. Lorimer, W. H. Lawson, J. Temple, A. Goward, J. Lorimer, K. Hughes, S. Shanks, W. Wyland, C. Kinloch, B. Schwengers, J. Hart, J. Lawson, S. Layson, E. Davis, J. Davis, E. Brightman, W. Willows, E. Todd, Joe Dakers, J. Gray, E. Tait, C. Sedgers, James Dakers, C. Cousins, Art. Dakers, C. Berkeley, F. Jones, J. Johnson; total, 31.

Ladysmith Football club—J. Adam, A. Morrison, J. Sanderson, J. Eno, A. Hallstone, W. Grainger, D. Morrison, J. Graham, J. Forsyth, W. Forsyth, J. McMillan, A. Clegg, T. McMillan, J. McMillan, T. Connell, J. Meek, D. Connell, A. Parsons, J. Beauchamp, A. Strong, T. Leary, R. Simpson, J. Green, W. Aitkenhead, Ed. Clark, R. Crosser, C. Hevellette, H. Ward, R. Thompson, J. Little, Ed. Leary, R. McMillan, B. Williams, J. Smith; total, 34.

Esquimalt United Football club—A. A. Warder, A. Lockley, W. Goddard, G. Gosteller, S. Clarkson, E. Holme, T. Connor, E. Collier, A. Collier, E. Finley, H. Foster, F. Drum, E. Mallen, F. Fowers, W. Williams, W. Carter, F. Aldis, J. Ledingham, J. Reed, W. Smith, J. Tilford, S. Duffy, J. Dobbie, C. Jasper, F. Prevost, S. O'Kell, J. Martin, C. Walker, J. Sherritt, J. Randall, W. Young, W. Stewart, Serg. Macdonald, Serg. Williamson, Serg. Jones, Corp. Sullivan, Corp. Doyle, Corp. Thomas, Corp. Burton, Corp. Elton, Corp. Dunn, G. Greenwood; total, 42.

Y. M. C. A. Football club—E. M. Whyte, J. G. Brown, J. Struthers, H. Morris, E. Kerchen, A. Clegg, S. Thompson, W. Shelton, F. Baylis, R. Fitch, W. Young, C. Wilcox, C. F. Dawson, L. Wilson, G. Sherritt, J. Sherritt, W. Sherritt, R. J. Ferris, T. Peden, J. Wornald, J. O'Hara, T. Rutter, B. Johnson, W. Harper, T. Hill, E. Malbon, R. Morrison, F. Crompton, A. Thackeray, P. Morris, J. Pettitrew, E. V. McIntyre, J. Morrison, A. Spencer, C. Mason, R. Whyte, E. H. Williams, E. McKittick, R. Shanks, T. Davidson, C. Berkeley, R. Gowans, Meredith, Sparks, Mitchell, Newlands, F. Kroeger, N. Gowen, A.

Johnson, Lineham, E. Miller; total, 51.

The official referees named by the clubs are:

Nanaimo Football club—Wm. Lockhart and Jas. R. McKinnell.

James Bay A. A. Football club—F. Richardson and J. W. Lorimer.

Esquimalt United Football club—D. McDougall and A. A. Warder.

Y. M. C. A. Football club—J. G. Brown.

The referee's charts for the season 1907-08 having come to hand, the same can be had on application to a secretary at ten cents per copy, or six for fifty cents. Six copies are available for each senior club, three copies for each intermediate club and two copies for each junior club in the league.

The club colors are as follows:

Nanaimo—Green and gold shirts and blue knickers.

Ladysmith—Red and white shirts, and white knickers.

Esquimalt United—Blue shirts, and blue knickers.

Y. M. C. A.—Red shirts, and white knickers.

James Bay A. A.—Navy blue shirts, with white knickers.

VICTORIA GOLFERS WIN FROM TACOMA

Locals Victors in Treat Cup
Match at Country Club Links

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—The Victoria Golf Club team beat the Tacoma golf team at the American lake links yesterday, winning four out of the six matches played, in the competition for the Treat cup. There was a large gallery of golf enthusiasts and the playing from start to finish was full of interest.

Probably the best game of the afternoon was that played off between Chester Thorne, of Tacoma, and Capt. Combe, of the Victoria team. Both players did exceedingly clever work and they were followed by a large number of the gallery. Combe won by 3 up.

Another more than ordinarily interesting game was that played off between Dr. Boyd, of Victoria, and Philip Kershaw, of Tacoma. Both these matches were won by the visitors. The following are the results: Dr. Boyd, of Victoria, defeated Philip Kershaw, of Tacoma, 3 up and 2 to play.

Combe, of Victoria, defeated Thorne, of Tacoma, 3 up and 2 to play. Magill, of Victoria, defeated Van Miltenger, of Tacoma, 6 up and 5 to play.

Fransoli, of Tacoma, defeated Prior, of Victoria, 4 up and 3 to play. Rithet, of Victoria, defeated Smith, of Tacoma, 3 up.

Bremner, of Tacoma, defeated Scholefield, of Victoria, 3 up and 2 to play.

Franch was served the visiting players at the Country Club and a banquet was given in their honor at the Union Club. They left at night for Portland, where they will play the Portland Club team Tuesday.

So far, the Victoria club has lost but one game, which was won by the Seattle club yesterday. If they win the match at Portland Tuesday they will be even with the Queen City club in games won. They have beaten the Portland club on the Victoria links and have hopes of carrying away the honors at the Portland links.

Tacoma has yet to play a return game at Victoria.

Soccer Football at Seattle

Seattle, Dec. 30.—In the fastest game of soccer football seen in Seattle this year, the Seattle and Wanderers eleven played to a standstill yesterday afternoon at Woodland park in the presence of 1,000 spectators. The game ended with a draw, the score being two all. The Tacoma Soccer football team was badly whipped by the Thistle eleven at Dugdale park. The final score stood 7 to 1. The local aggregation had the visitors beaten on class from the start and the Tacomas also displayed poor form. Goalkeeper Rawlett's absence weakened the visitors and several other regular players were out of the lineup. Seattle leaves the league with 10 points, Thistles and Wanderers have 8 each, Rangers 7, Tacoma 1 and Fort Lawton none.

The play grounds of the St. Catharines public schools are all too small.

RUGBY CANDIDATES PRACTICE TOMORROW

Test Game for Stanford Match
Arranged for the Oak
Bay Oval

The Victoria Rugby club executive held a meeting last evening to consider the selection of a team to play against the Stanford university fifteen next Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay, and after considerable discussion, decided to play a test game tomorrow morning at Oak Bay before finally deciding upon a team. Two teams, "A," composed practically of the regulars, and "B," selected from the "Mitts" and the substitutes, will play, and upon the form shown will depend the selection of the fifteen for the big game. W. C. Moresby will referee the game tomorrow, and will be in a position to observe closely the work of the players. Mr. Moresby has been selected as referee of Saturday's international match, also.

The "A" team will consist of the following: Fullback, Johnston; three-quarters, Meredith, P. Gowan, Sparks, Schwengers; five-eighths, Cartwright, halfbacks, Newcombe, Brae; forwards, Bellow, Sweeney, Miller, Milligan, Sedger, Spencer and Morley. That is practically the team that will line up against Stanford, with a couple of changes. Harvie, who will be unable to play tomorrow, will replace Gowan on the three-quarter line, while Ken Gillespie will play fullback. There is a possibility that Dr. Boyd, a newcomer, who is said to be a first-class fullback, may be induced to turn out, in which case Gillespie will go up on the three-quarter line.

The "B" team has not yet been selected, but a number of players have been named for places on the team. They include Sargison, O. Nason, F. Nason, Gibson, McCarter, Anderson, Rendroft, Arbuckle, Cullin, Martin, Wilby, Janion (captain), Evans and Kennedy. They will have sixteen players, so that the "A" team will be given the hardest kind of a workout.

The Stanford team will play again at Vancouver tomorrow, and will come to the city on Friday. The Stanford Glee club has arranged for a big concert at the Victoria theatre Friday evening, and the Victoria and Stanford teams will likely occupy the boxes, upon the invitation of Manager C. Denham. No arrangements have as yet been made for the entertainment of the Stanford team during their stay in the capital, but it is suggested that there be none, as the Stanford men will be so surfeited with dinners and dances as a result of their sojourn in Vancouver that they will be glad to have a rest.

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Tonight the Seattle basketball team plays here in the Drill hall with the local Y. M. C. A. team, and it goes without saying that the game will be fast and closely contested throughout. The Seattle boys are well known as exponents of the game of basketball, and the local players have made a name for themselves, as all those who attend will see a fine game by those who know how to play it.

Word was received by wire yesterday afternoon that Vancouver is sending over a referee, the regulations of the league being that a referee neutral to both sides must officiate at the game. All are assured of a first-class square deal. The Seattle team plays in Vancouver on New Year's night.

The Y. M. C. A. intermediates play against the fifth regiment intermeds tonight, and will line up as follows: Centre, Gowan; forwards, Peden and McKittick; guards, Carrie and Hamilton. The intermeds game starts at 8:15 sharp and the big game at 9 p.m. The seniors line up as follows: Centre, White; forwards, Peden and McKittick; guards, Rosecamp and Gawley or Pettitrew. The games will start sharp on time. Bandmas Rumsby is putting on a fine programme of music, so spectators will get the two games and a band concert for the one admission.

Y. M. C. A. Team Against Ladysmith. The following is the team the Y. M. C. A. will play against Ladysmith tomorrow at Oak Bay: Goal, E. M. Whyte; backs, Meredith, Struthers; halfbacks, A. Johnson, A. Clegg, A. Thackeray; forwards, right wing, W. Young, J. Sherritt; centre, Sparks; left wing, Newlands, Kercher; reserves, halfbacks, T. Hill, C. F. Dawson; forwards, Ferris and Wormald.

FOOTBALLERS FEED.

Y.M.C.A. Kickers Get Together Around the Festive Board.

The Y.M.C.A. football players had supper together last night at the association, the occasion being for the purpose of having a heart to heart talk over the coming campaign in the Vancouver Island Football league. About thirty players gathered around the tables and enjoyed the good times provided. Afterwards a musical programme was given in which Messrs. Brown, Struthers, Hill, Goward, Ferris, Dobson, Dawson, Thompson and Morrison participated. J. G. Brown, the manager of the team, was in the chair and delivered an interesting address, telling of the club's doings in the past Victoria league season, and what was expected of the players in the coming games. A. J. Brace, general secretary of the Y.M.C.A., also delivered an interesting address. E. Kercher will captain the team in the Island league, with A. Thackeray as vice-captain. The committee to select the teams will consist of Messrs. Brown, Kercher, Thackeray and Whyte.

WILL BOOM RUGBY IN AMERICAN COLLEGES

Vancouver Enthusiasts Propose Systematic Canvass of Universities

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—A systematic canvass of all the leading American colleges is to be instituted from Vancouver with a view to getting the facilities to adopt Rugby as the standard game. This scheme, which was first set on foot by Charlie Wornop at the Stanford dinner, was suggested that the Vancouver Rugby Union and the Stanford and University of California governing bodies should combine in a campaign to promote Rugby among the colleges. Colonel Dudley, United States Consul, immediately expressed his approval of the scheme, and announced his willingness to help the campaign in every possible way. He will confer with Charlie Wornop and suggest to whom communications might be addressed with most successful results.

In connection with this is interesting to note that the Vancouver Rugby Union has for years been trying to get one game played from coast to coast. At present the maritime provinces and British Columbia play Rugby, while Ontario and Manitoba play an adaptation of the American game. It is suggested that the British Columbia or Pacific Coast team can go and clean up the old country clubs.

Bays Will Practice Tomorrow. A full practice of all the candidates for the Island Football league team of James Bay Athletic association will be held at Beacon Hill park ground tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Bays have a host of candidates for the team and they will be tried out tomorrow.

Burn Wins Calgary Race. The Calgary Herald Christmas Day road race was most successful. Arthur Burn, the acknowledged leader of distance men in the West, performed the expected and carried off first honors, although a seemingly "dark horse," named Mechlinborg made his stretch his energy to the full extent. Burn broke Toray's heart in the first mile and the Chareshman man walked in from the Elbow bridge. Sixteen men faced the starter, and were sent off well together on their six-mile journey. At the outset Burn took the lead, closely followed by Mechlinborg of the Y. M. C. A. who kept within hailing distance of the leader right to the end of the race. Apparently the Teuton had the superior sprinting ability, for he headed the bunch at the majority of mileposts.

At Kenora \$5,772.50 has been paid this year in police court fines.

LADYSMITH TEAMS TO PLAY HERE TOMORROW

Doubleheader With Y. M. C. A. Seniors and North Ward Juniors Arranged

A doubleheader will be afforded local soccer enthusiasts at the Oak Bay oval tomorrow afternoon when two teams from Ladysmith will come to the city to play local elevens. The Ladysmith juniors will play the North Ward team, junior champions of the province, while the Ladysmith seniors will play the Y. M. C. A. team, which is entered in the Vancouver Island league. The junior match is slated for 1.30, while the senior game will commence at 3 o'clock.

The games will likely attract a big attendance as they constitute practically the only afternoon holiday sporting attraction in the city. A large number of Ladysmith enthusiasts will come down with the teams to see the games. The work of the teams tomorrow should prove of particular interest to local enthusiasts as it will just about show how much chance any of the three teams entered in the Island league from Victoria has of landing the senior championship. The Y. M. C. A. team is much stronger than that which played in the Victoria District league series and Ed. Whyte is confident that they will win tomorrow. Ladysmith is said to have an even stronger combination than last year.

HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT TO INCLUDE VICTORIA

Prominent Breeders in Northwest Considering Annual Round

Calgary Dec. 30.—A number of horse breeders, American and Canadian, have set a movement on foot looking to the organization of an annual circuit of horse shows beginning in nineteen hundred and eight. W. E. Linn, the big horse breeder of Lafayette, Indiana, who is to have a large exhibition of horses here at the Dominion fair next June and July suggests that such cities as Tacoma, Spokane, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Portland and Denver make up the circuit for these annual shows.

BANQUET TO STANFORD

California Varsity Rugby Team Feasted at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—"Rugby is all right." This was the keynote which dominated one of the most successful banquets ever tendered in Vancouver by thorough sportsmen to thorough sportsmen. When the Stanford Rugby team dined at the Strand cafe on Saturday evening as the guests of the Vancouver Rugby Union, nearly seventy lovers of the game assembled to give them a sample of British Columbia hospitality. That they succeeded the speeches of the Stanford men testified and the dinner was a most enjoyable function.

With President J. E. Miller in the chair, supported by Colonel Dudley, United States Consul, His Worship Mayor Bethune, Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, K. C. M. G., Col. Worsnop, J. H. Senkler, J. F. Maguire, H. H. Watson, W. A. Ward, G. L. Smellie, H. D. Averill, and many other sportsmen whose love for Rugby has placed the game on its present firm footing in Vancouver, the Stanford men were accorded a reception the heartiness of which was only equalled by the spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm which greeted the presentation to President Miller of a handsome case of cutlery as a lasting recognition of the love which Vancouver has for him and regret at his absence—only for a few months. It is hoped—while he is in Victoria. The presentation was made by Col. Worsnop and came quite as a surprise. Need he said that the three times three which shook the rafters was a peach? The best spirit prevailed and many were the quips and jests which sparkled and scintillated and put every one in splendid humor. The Scotch songs of James Selater were most appreciated, and the college ditties and yells of the Cardinals were quite as successful. True, English at all right when it can bring together such a gathering of fine fellows.

FAMOUS OARSMAN IS DYING IN TORONTO

End of Great Ned Hanlan, Former Champion of World, is Near

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Ned Hanlan, for four years world's champion oarsman, is dying at his home on Beverley street, in the house given him by the city.

Ned held the world's sculling honors from 1880 to 1884, when he was beaten by William Beach of Australia. The next year Hanlan tried to recover the title, but was beaten, and the same fate happened to him in 1887. In 1888 Peter Kemp beat Hanlan, and that was Ned's last appearance in a championship contest. Hanlan holds the world's four-mile record in a shell of 24 minutes 57 1/2 seconds, and also the five-mile record of 33 minutes 55 1/2 seconds.

STRONG TEAM FOR NELSON.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—There is a chance that the Nelson, B. C. hockey team will play one or more of the local teams some time in January. Manager McQuarrie, of the club, writes Alf Fidler asking if dates can be arranged some time during the month for such games, as his team expects to be traveling through the province and are desirous of getting a couple of games on here. The Nelson boys were the winners of the championship cup at the Rossland carnival last year and have strengthened their team considerably this year. Les. Patrick, captain of last season's Montreal Wanderers, is now captain of the Nelson team, and they believe they have a team which can trim anything in the province.

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REINSTATE PLAYERS IN WHOLESALE STYLE

Canadian Amateur Athletic Union Show Forgive and Forget Spirit

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Argonaut football players, suspended for playing against a man under the C. A. A. U.'s pleasure who have severed their connection with the Argonaut Rowing club, were reinstated. Banty Russell and Soldier Bill Grant are the only players still out, and they did not apply.

The list is as follows: George H. Barber, the Central Y. M. C. A. jumper; Julian Sale, Jr., Leslie Crooks, Clifton Johnson, Arthur Hewitt, O. W. Baycroft, Merton Kent, Guy Clarkson, Alex. Sinclair, W. L. Ross, L. E. Wood, Colin Sherriff, George Mann, W. G. Wood, A. C. Hannaford, Walter All. These athletes are members of the newly formed Toronto Amateur Athletic club, and Sale, Ross, Kent, Sherriff, Sinclair, Maguire, Mara, Wood, Clarke and Flett will be among the candidates for the T. A. A. C. intermediate hockey team. They were out to play Saturday night at Mutual street rink. Len Morrison, who has put on some weight, was also out, and the Torontos bid fair to have a dangerous seven.

Walter R. Knox's enquiry about his chances of re-admission to amateur ranks received scant consideration. Harry Gody, suspended by Y. M. C. A. league till February for making a false statement of age in order to compete in boys' skating races, will remain out till the term of his suspension.

Thomas P. Gorman of Ottawa, who played a game of lacrosse in prohibited company, was reinstated. Like action was taken in the case of James Bulger of Cobourg, who played in a baseball game where the standing of all the others would not meet amateur qualification.

Ralph Bearist of Brandon, Man., wanted permission to play on a professional hockey team as an amateur without impairing his standing. He will be informed that this could not be done.

H. C. Henry and Tad Groulx of Ottawa were reinstated. Fred Loucks, who was a member of Hamilton professional lacrosse team last summer, was refused.

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Lace Cravats, and up 30c
Umbrellas for Ladies and Men, \$1 to \$10
Squaw Bags from 45c to . . . \$2.50
Beaded Bags, and up 35c
Children's Purses, and up . . . 10c
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Dick Foster, Charles Christie and J. Traylor, which had been withdrawn for failure to make certain declarations, had since been restored when they fulfilled the requirement. This action was approved.

The cases of Bert Brown of Toronto, who played a game with the Toronto professional hockey team last winter, and Lieut. Constantine, now of Kingston, who played with Quebec in the Eastern league, were referred to the Ontario Hockey association.

International Wrestling. London, Dec. 30.—Articles were signed here for an international wrestling match for the world's championship, between George Hackenschmidt, present holder of the title, and Joe Rogers, the American heavyweight now in this country. The match will be under catch-as-catch-can rules, two out of three falls, with ten minutes rest periods allowed between the bouts. It will be for \$20 a side, plus the best purse offered for the contest. The winner will take two-thirds the entire sum and the loser the remainder. According to the articles of agreement any week day between January 18 and January 31 will be acceptable to the contestants.

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CAPE SCOTT AND QUATSINO

Steamer Was Severely Buffeted—Quadra Was Sighted Off Cape Beale

After the roughest trip to the west coast of Vancouver Island this season, the steamer Amur, Capt. Townsend, returned to port yesterday morning with fifteen passengers. She brought news that December 23 a severe hurricane swept the north end of Vancouver Island, causing immense damage to timber areas, wrecking two settlers' houses. At least one life was lost. Jens Hansen, a settler at San Jose bay, who went from his house in consequence of the falling of the trees blown down by the wind, was killed soon after he passed his threshold by another falling tree. The victim recently arrived from Placer county, California. Another settler had a narrow escape, having his head cut by falling timber. Two of his houses were completely crushed, but fortunately there was no loss of life, the inhabitants having escaped, afterward being sheltered by other settlers. The demolished houses had been recently built for newly arrived settlers.

The storm was the worst ever experienced at the north end of the island, thousands of trees being razed by the wind in the Quatsino district alone. Officers of the Amur say the damage is estimated at least a million dollars. The government trail which connects Quatsino and Hardy bay, eleven miles long, was rendered impassable by the amount of timber that has fallen across it, and in the Cape Scott district trails were blocked.

The Amur encountered heavy weather from the time she left Barkley sound, northbound. She was lying at the Yreka mine wharf on the west arm of Quatsino sound on Christmas day, and the noise of falling timber was heard plain above the roar of the wind. Despite the boisterous weather, though, the small population gathered on board the steamer and an impromptu concert took place.

The Amur rolled almost from beam to beam during the gale and was swept by seas. One of the cabin doors of the house at the wharf and a three-masted ship was off Pachea awaiting a tug.

The Ties will resume the west coast run next trip, leaving here for Ahousah and way ports tomorrow night.

ROMANCE ON BOARD THE HAZEL DOLLAR

Younger Scion of Millionaire Shipowner Outwits Watchful Parent and Weds Bride

The steamer Hazel Dollar, of the Dollar fleet, with lumber for Shanghai from Mukilteo, passed out to sea yesterday after clearing Port Townsend. The departure of the vessel marks the consummation of a sensational love affair recently enacted in San Francisco, in which James Dollar, the youngest son of the millionaire operating this and other trans-Pacific steamers, was the prominent actor.

The young man, who is not yet approaching maturity, became enamored of a schoolmate, the daughter of a wealthy neighbor. The families of the children offered no protest excepting on account of the age of the young lovers, and Dollar perforce offered a solution of the difficulty by agreeing to send the lovesick swain on a five-years' detail with the company's big agency at Shanghai.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Tatoosh, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.—Received at the Gonzales hill wireless station: Cloudy, wind east, 50 miles an hour. Bar. 29.44, temp. 41. Schooner Invincible passed out at 8 o'clock.

Tatoosh, noon—Weather cloudy, wind east, 40 miles an hour. Storm warnings are displayed for a northeast storm affecting the coast, Straits and Puget Sound. Storm reported off the Oregon coast this morning moving rapidly inward with high southeast to southwest wind. High northeast wind this afternoon.

Tatoosh, 1 p.m.—Received at the Gonzales hill wireless station: Cloudy, wind east, 50 miles an hour. Bar. 29.48, temp. 32. Steamship Tlanika passed in at 10.40 a.m. Steamship Eureka passed out at 2.45.

Tatoosh, 7 p.m.—Received at the Gonzales hill wireless station: Cloudy, wind east, 36 miles an hour. Bar. 29.44. Tem. 42. No shipping.

WEEKLY SERVICE BY SAN FRANCISCO LINERS

Steamers Governor and City of Puebla Will Maintain Service for Two Months

Two steamers only are to be operated on the Victoria-San Francisco route by the Pacific Coast Steamship company during the months of January and February, giving a seven-day service, instead of sailings once every five days. The President will be withdrawn from the route for these months. The steamer Umatilla has been substituted on the present trip, but will be withdrawn when she completes the voyage and the route will be covered by the Governor and City of Puebla.

J. C. Ford, president of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, said in this regard:

"We intend to keep the Governor on the run until the repairs on the President are finished, when the President will be returned to the run and the Governor repaired."

"When these two boats came around from the East they were only laid up for repairs two days and then started on regular runs. Usually all boats making such a trip are laid up for several weeks for an overhauling. The President will go on the dry dock for a few days and workmen will spend weeks in painting and overhauling her out in the stream. When the work is finished the Governor will be subjected to similar overhauling."

"Business is altogether too light to warrant the keeping of both big boats on the run. We will operate only two boats after the first of the year, maintaining a weekly schedule instead of every five days. I expect to have both the big boats on the run again about the first of March."

STEERING GEAR BROKE.

Mexican Liner Georgia Stopped in English Bay to Repair Broken Machinery.

The steamer Georgia, of the Canadian-Mexican line, anchored in English bay yesterday to make repairs to her steering gear, the main shaft of which had broken while bound out from Vancouver Sunday night to the Fraser river. It was not considered safe to proceed up the winding channel of the Fraser to New Westminster with only the hand steering gear, so anchor was dropped till repairs could be made. An effort is being made to catch this morning's high tide which if lost will mean a wait of another day to get up to New Westminster. The Georgia loaded canned salmon and vegetables at Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf yesterday, and is going to New Westminster to load box shooks. She will have a full cargo of coal, lumber and general freight.

BLUE FUNNEL LINERS FOR ORIENTAL ROUTE

Three Steamers Being Built For Passenger and Freight Trade to Hongkong

The steamer Cyclops, Capt. Harris, of the Blue Funnel line, reached the outer dock on Sunday with 77 steerage passengers of whom 61 left the vessel here, and 6,300 tons of general cargo, of which about 600 tons will be landed here and 2,300 at Vancouver, whither the steamer will proceed Thursday or Friday after landing her cargo here. She brought news that three new passenger and freight steamers are to be built for the trade between Hong Kong and Vancouver, via this port. If reports current when the steamer sailed are to be relied upon, arrangements for the construction of the vessels have been made with British shipbuilding firms. Workman, Clark & Co. were to build one, Leslie, Hawthorn & Co. another, while a third was to be constructed by David & William Henderson of the Clyde. The steamers are to be of the Telenachus class, but fitted with staterooms for 74 saloon passengers.

The cargo of the Cyclops was made up of the usual assorted freight, mostly from the United Kingdom. There were also shipments of raw silk from Japan for New York, hemp and hardwood for furniture makers from the Philippine islands, peanuts from Manila, lily bulbs, soy and all manner of things from boxes of tallow candles to cases of whiskey.

The Cyclops had a busy trip outward, cargo being worked day and night at most of the ports of call. Capt. Harris, master of the vessel, was last here in command of the steamer Yangtze to which Capt. Pulsford has been transferred. On board the steamer Salvor of the British Columbia Salvage company is a brother of Capt. Pulsford, and unaware of the change, he hurried to the outer dock to meet his brother, only to be disappointed.

News was brought by the Cyclops that a special committee of Japanese naval experts has been appointed by Admiral Kaminura to make experiments with fuel oil for warships. The despatch boat Yuyeyama and torpedo boat Kotaka will be fitted to make the tests, and if the report is favorable arrangements will be made for a fleet of naval oil-tankers to carry oil from California or other oil districts.

Officers of the Cyclops brought news of a massive round-up of alleged criminals at Osaka, Japan's largest commercial city of which Kobe is the port. In the dead of night, 1,505 policemen were suddenly summoned to duty and ordered to proceed to various parts of the city for the purpose of taking into custody all persons still abroad who could not give a satisfactory account of themselves. According to the Mainichi, no less than 36,100 persons were thus arrested. In only one hundred and forty cases, however, was it established that they had a criminal intent. As might be expected, various amusing incidents are reported to have occurred in the course of the hunt. In a number of cases policemen in disguise were taken into custody despite their protests by members of the force who were not acquainted with them personally, and it is said that in one instance the chief of a police station was thus treated. He emphatically declared his identity but his captor bluntly designated him a liar and drew his sword. Fortunately, a policeman who knew the official came up before extremities had been resorted to.

The Cyclops proceeded to Tacoma yesterday morning.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON THE JAMES ROLPH

Crew Fights Blaze and Sails Vessel at a Smart Clip at the Same Time

Battling for more than an hour with a fire which threatened to destroy the vessel, in the Santa Barbara channel, and at the same time sailing at a ten-knot speed, was the thrilling experience of the Saturday morning of Captain Olsen and crew of eight men of the schooner James Rolph, which arrived at San Pedro, Cal., on Sunday, thirteen days from Astoria, with a cargo of lumber.

The fire was caused by an explosion in the cook's quarters. The crew was unable to get at the hose, as the flames had already spread to the donkey room where it was kept. Capt. Olsen cut a hole in the galley roof and the men passed water in buckets, cans and anything else they were able to lay hands on, and it was dashed through this aperture. After a hard fight this method was successful and the fire was extinguished.

The James Rolph is a well-known coasting vessel belonging to the fleet of Hind, Rolph & Co. She has been at Tacoma a number of times. The Rolph was built at Fairhaven, Cal., in 1899. She measures 586 tons gross and 517 net, and carries a crew of nine. Her dimensions are: Length, 109.1 feet; 37.9 feet beam and 12.3 feet depth.

BANFIELD LIFEBOAT.

Being Made Ready to Start for West Coast Station on Thursday Morning.

The Banfield creek lifeboat is being made ready for her trip to the west coast life-saving station. Capt. Gillen, coxswain, and three of the crew will make the trip to the island coast in the vessel, leaving here on Thursday morning. Capt. J. Gaudin, agent of marine, made a short trip in the boat yesterday and expresses himself as being much pleased with her. The lifeboat, which is lying at the wharf of the marine department near the old customs house, is being viewed by a large number of spectators.

A dead whale was found drifting off Port Angeles last week and towed to the straits port.

SWIFTSURE BEACON ADRIFT

Big Buoy Broke Loose During Recent Storm—Quadrant Go After the Derelict

Capt. Gaudin, of the marine department, has been informed that the big buoy, bell and beacon, established at Swiftsure bank, is adrift. The aid to navigation, which is one of the most costly in British Columbia waters, broke loose in the gale of December 23. A wireless telegraphic despatch has been sent by Capt. Gaudin to Port Charles, point for Capt. Blackett, of the government steamer Quadra, instructing him to pick up the derelict buoy. The buoy which has broken loose cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000. It was moored in position on the Swiftsure bank during the summer by the steamer Quadra.

FROM CAPE MUDGE.

First Wireless Message Received From the North.

The first wireless telegraph message from the north was received on Sunday at the local station on Gonzales hill, in charge of Supt. E. J. Haugh. The steamer Portland, of the Alaska Steamship company, which is the first of the northern steamers to be equipped, reported at 7:30 p. m. that she was off Cape Mudge awaiting a favorable tide. In order to communicate with the northern steamers a station is to be established at Cape Lazo, near Comox.

THE OVERDUE MARKET

Three Vessels Withdrawn as Uninsurable—Rate Advanced on the Alacrita

Three vessels have been withdrawn from the overdue list as uninsurable, being considered hopelessly overdue, and all will probably be shortly posted as missing. These vessels are the Arthur Sewall, Adolph Oborg and Pellegria O. The Arthur Sewall left Philadelphia March 30 with coal for Seattle, the Adolph Oborg sailed from New York on April 10 with coal for San Francisco, and the Pellegria O. was bound from Newcastle, N. S. W., with coal for Antofagasta. The insurance on the British ship Alacrita, 140 days from Delagoa bay for Hongkong, has been advanced from 25 to 40 per cent.

Against the risk of total loss only 35 per cent. is being paid to reinsure the French bark Duc d'Aumale, which is ashore on the Falkland islands in a dangerous position. She was on her way from Roserdaal to San Francisco. On the steamer Gatesgarth, believed to have been lost during the early December gales off the British coast, 90 per cent. has been paid. The Gatesgarth left the Mersey December 3 for Penarth, and was not afterward heard from. A life buoy has been picked up marked "Gatesgarth" in Portmadoc harbor.

LEONORA FOUNDERED.

While Crew Was Ashore Celebrating Christmas Day at Minstrel Island.

While her crew were ashore celebrating on Christmas Eve the tug Leonora, founded in a heavy gale that was blowing in shore, was lost in the night at Minstrel Island. When the men returned to find their tug no trace of her could be seen on the stormy sea, and up to the time the steamer Cassiar left no trace of her had been found, the water being very deep at that point. The Leonora has been operated by hand loggers who are at work in the vicinity of Port Harvey. The little tug was one of the boats owned by the Union Steamship Co.

BRITISH COMMENT ON COASTING TRADE

Shipping Journals Remark Concerning the Recent Additions to Coasters

The writer of "On Watch" in Syren and Shipping says: According to the United States consul at Victoria, B. C., a new steamship line has been formed to operate between Alaska, British Columbia, Puget Sound and Mexico. The name of the new concern is the British Coast Steamship Company, but the title does not seem to have been well chosen, for the stock is largely held by Americans, and the manager is an American, and the ships are Norwegian-built, Norwegian-officered and manned, and sail under the Norwegian flag. At the moment this un-British British company boasts but one steamer, the Francis, a vessel of 1,077 tons, but in the spring an addition of two to the family is expected. The merry spring time will, indeed, be a veritable lambing season on the British Columbia coast, for two large steamers are to be placed, by a German company, on the Victoria-North China route; two more, under British auspices, are to start running between Vancouver, Jeduz, Skidegate, Masset and Ketchikan; while a third brace of boats, of Norwegian origin, will come into the British Columbia and Alaskan coasting trade. The affection for the Norwegian flag which seems to characterize these waters is attributed to the fact that Norwegian ships can be run for a third to one-half the cost of local vessels. The coasting trade between the state of Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska, says the consul, has developed greatly during the present year, and it is expected that the coming spring will see the Grand Trunk Pacific starting active work on the west end of their transcontinental route, and the Canadian Pacific pushing the extension of the Vancouver island railway to the west coast, the volume of trade will be quadrupled.

CAPT. RINDER'S SUCCESSOR

W. H. Allison, Assistant to President J. C. Ford, Takes Marine Superintendent's Place

W. H. Allison, for the past year assistant to J. T. Ford of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has been promoted to the position of assistant marine superintendent for the company, vice John H. Rinder, resigned. Mr. Allison left Friday night for San Francisco and will assume his duties on January 1.

Mr. Allison has been in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for many years and is well qualified to perform the duties of his new office. Before his appointment as assistant to Mr. Ford he was in the engineering department of the company and formerly chief engineer of the steamer Queen. While on the Queen he made a study of ship construction and, by hard work, has mastered the shipping business. Mr. Allison has been succeeded by T. W. Spencer, formerly chief engineer of the steamer City of Puebla and well known at Tacoma.

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Marine Notes.

Arrangements are being made for additional car ferry services between Sweden and Germany. A service is to be established in 1909 between Sassnitz and Trelleborg, in which two Prussian and two Swedish ferry steamers will be used, each to be able to convey a train of railway carriages and sleeping cars, and to steam 16 knots an hour.

Notification has been received by Capt. D. Jones, of the marine department, that the government is sending one of the newest type of flectoscopes for use at the marine lectures to be given to navigators by Capt. Jones. The first of these will take place January 3. For three months lectures will be given every Tuesday and Friday nights.

There was a busy scene at the C. P. R. docks facing Bellisland street yesterday morning, no less than six of the company's fleet being in port. The steamer Princess Royal, which is engaged on the Victoria-Seattle route, had remained over for the day, as usual; the Princess Beatrice was in from northern British Columbia ports; the Amur from Cape Scott and way ports; the City of Nanaimo from Port Hardy bay; and the R. P. Rithet from the Fraser river.

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COMM Mainland News

LOGGERS DROWNED ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Two Men at Rock Bay Meet Death While Crossing a Boom of Logs

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—While others were rejoicing on Christmas night, two loggers returning to camp across a boom of logs, which made a short cut across a little bay, suddenly slipped from their precarious foothold on the snow-covered logs, and disappeared in the icy waters, with no one at hand to save them.

The men, Matthew McOscar and Kenneth Matheson, were employed at the Hastings Mill company's camp B, situated at Duck Lake, near Rock Bay. They started on Christmas morning for the landing at Rock Bay, and having completed their business made back for camp along the logging railway by which the logs are brought from the lake to salt water. They stopped for supper at the railway operating camp, where the railway strikes the lake, and about 6 o'clock in the evening left for camp B, two or three miles further along the shore of the lake. Coming to the end of the railway, the men had started to make a short cut across a bay in which the logs had been yarded, instead of going by the longer trail around the shore, which a storm of two days before had strewn with windfalls.

On Friday the men from camp B began to make inquiries, as the men had not turned up. J. W. Hogg, captain of a tug which runs on the lake, immediately started out with a search party to look for the missing loggers. Their footprints were found on the snow-covered logs, and they had started to cross the boom. The tracks lead the searchers part way across, and then suddenly come to an end. Here in water about 7 feet deep, the bodies were found, thirty feet apart.

The remains were brought down on the steamer Queen City, which reached port yesterday morning, and were taken to Centor and Hannah's undertaking rooms from which the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. McOscar was a man of about 40 years, and leaves a wife and two children in Scotland. Matheson was 26 years old and also came from Scotland; he had been a sailor on the steamer Hakono before he went into the woods three months ago. Both men were employed as road chasers.

C. P. R. CHANGES

Promotion for F. W. Peters—Three Passenger Trains Daily to Be Put on Next Summer

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—F. W. Peters, assistant freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., is to be appointed freight traffic manager, with the same jurisdiction he now possesses, if confirmed may be placed in an unconfirmed report in circulation in Vancouver today. It is stated that the promotion will be made early in the coming year in accordance with the remodeling of the freight traffic department of the railway in the west.

C. P. R. Passenger Agent Usher announced today that on June 1 a triple daily passenger service will be started for summer traffic.

EXCLUSIONISTS DIFFER

Vancouver Organization Discovers a Lapse on Part of One of Proposed Candidates

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Asiatic exclusionists were on the verge of a split tonight, when nominating candidates for city offices. The license commissioners, George MacDonald and Harry Edgett were nominated, when several casually mentioned that Edgett employed Chinese in connection with his grocery. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate Edgett's cellar, but the nomination was not carried. Two members left the meeting, and George MacDonald's name was finally the only one endorsed.

SWEPT BY FIERCE GALE

Northern Districts Report Much Havo Wrought by Last Week's Storm

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Tales of the destruction wrought by the gales early last week are coming down from Broughton Island, Minstrel Island and Bear River. The officers of the steamer Cassiar say that in many parts of the country a clean sweep of the standing timber has been made in streaks through the forests, a clean cut lane being made by the violent gale, which, like a cyclone, laid low every tree in its narrow path. One small island was noticed with the timber laid flat on one half, and the other half untouched.

Old-timers say that last Monday's gale on Johnston Strait was the heaviest they had ever known. At Bear River the logs that had been boomed at the terminus of the logging railway were carried high up on the beach by the fury of the waves, and piled up on end and every other way on the chutes from which they were launched.

EXPLOSION AT FIELD KILLS THREE MEN

Fragments of Gelignite Left Among Dirt Cause of Fatality

Field, B.C., Dec. 30.—Three muckers, named Maretti, Paulo and J. Duffy, were blown up and killed in an accidental explosion of dynamite in McDowell and Gsowki's grading contract near here.

The explosion was due to stray pieces of gelignite that had got mixed with dirt. Several gangs who were working in the vicinity had narrow escaped from the flying pieces of rock, which were hurled in all directions.

Nelson Mayoralty

Nelson, Dec. 30.—In response to one of the most largely signed and most representative petitions ever seen here, S. S. Taylor, K. C., has consented to be nominated for the mayoralty. It is unlikely that anyone will oppose him and his election is assured.

Nelson Consular Agency

Nelson, Dec. 30.—Word was received here today that the American authorities had decided not to discontinue the U. S. consular agency here, at all events for the present, and the statement is made that the representations made from here will receive due consideration. In all probability the agency will be maintained here as usual.

Came Near Perishing.

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 30.—On Christmas Day, as the Great Northern train from Spokane was climbing the hill apportioning Nelson, cries were heard from the track on a deserted part of the line. The train was stopped and on the side of the track was discovered a man named Gibb who had been without food or fire for two days, being badly frost bitten. It seems that on Christmas Eve, missing the regular train, he attempted to walk into Nelson to visit his brother sick in the hospital, was overcome by a snowstorm and took refuge in a tumble-down shack where he lost consciousness.

Of a million girl babies born 871,266 are alive at 12 months. Of the boys 330,000 fewer live through the first year.

MAY EXTEND LINE UP TO VANCOUVER

Vice-President of Seattle-Tacoma Electric Road Looks Over the Ground

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Merle J. Wightman, vice-president of the Seattle-Tacoma short line of Seattle, was in Vancouver on Sunday for the purpose of investigating interurban railway conditions in this vicinity. Mr. Wightman is to have a conference with the owners of the new interurban now building between Seattle and Everett, who are also planning to build over the right-of-way formerly owned by J. A. Moore and associates through Bellingham and intermediate territory into Vancouver. This conference will take place next week, and it was primarily the purpose of ascertaining the best route into the city that brought Mr. Wightman here. He will return next Saturday, and will probably remain here several days, at which time he expects to take up with the local officials of the British Columbia Electric railway company some of the details of his plan.

The Seattle-Tacoma short line, which is now building, is to be twenty-one miles in length between the two cities, and should a franchise now being asked for in the city of Seattle, be granted it will make direct connection with what is generally known as the Sander line to Everett. The latter road is completed to within a few miles of Everett, and plans have been made to continue the construction as far as Bellingham.

Mr. Wightman is the personal representative of T. Coleman Dupont, president of the Dupont Powder company, of Wilmington, Del., and a member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers. Associated with Mr. Wightman are L. B. Stillwell, who has constructed the great New York subway; ex-Governor McGraw, of Washington; L. A. Nadeau, director general of the A. Y. P., and many other representative residents of Seattle and the east.

Brakeman's Arm Crushed.

Revelstoke, B.C., Dec. 30.—A serious accident happened early on Tuesday morning last at No. 17 snowshed, when H. V. Holben, C.P.R. brakeman, nearly lost his life under the car wheels of a freight train bound east. It appears that a portion of the shed struck Holben violently on the head, knocking him off the car, and causing him to fall with his left arm across the rails, the last few cars of the freight train passing over the arm and crushing it to pulp. His absence was not noticed until the train reached Rogers Pass, where a search was made and the injured man picked up. Holben showed great pluck while being conveyed to the Revelstoke hospital, and indeed before, when he walked to Rogers Pass, three-quarters of a mile, holding his injured member with his right hand. At the hospital he was found to be amputated at the shoulder, and the patient is now progressing as favorably as can be expected.

Gets Seven Years

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Fred Symons, who brutally assaulted the keeper of a sporting house and later nearly killed Policeman Lattimer when the latter tried to arrest him, with a loaded cane, was sentenced today to seven years in the penitentiary.

Vancouver Progress

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Vancouver bank clearings increased forty-four per cent over last year. Land registry office receipts increased twenty per cent, and customs revenue fifty-four per cent.

The Week of Prayer

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—The city churches will during the New Year observe the annual week of prayer in the separate edifices, union meetings, such as have been conducted for years past, having been gradually coming into disfavor with the congregations.

Axeman For Prince Rupert

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—A. R. Green, construction engineer for the C. P. R. at Prince Rupert, was in the city this afternoon for the purpose of completing arrangements with thirty axemen who have recently been hired for work in connection with the clearing of the townsite.

Inquiry For Lost Man

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—Watson Phillips, of Felton, Asquith, Northumberland, Eng., has written here asking for information concerning the whereabouts of Richard Morgan, last heard of in 1900, when he was working in Nanaimo. Any one in possession of information concerning him is asked to write to the chief of police.

Yukon Envoy to Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Mr. Gray, of Dawson, left Vancouver today for Ottawa to ask for mining reforms and to inquire into the railway commission and the ineffectual efforts thus far of Dawson merchants to secure a reduction of railway rates on the White Pass route, from Skagway to Dawson.

Increase of Pupils

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—An increase of 330, or fifty-six per cent, in the attendance at the public schools of South Vancouver during the year closing on Wednesday, is shown by the annual report of Chairman Hodgson of the Board of School Trustees of that thriving municipality. Last January the enrollment was 410, and this month it is 640.

Sudden Death at Chilliwack

Chilliwack, Dec. 30.—After working with the fire department in its efforts to extinguish the outbreak at the sash and door factory of Street Brothers this morning, George Howe, dropped dead from heart failure on the return of the department to the fire hall. He was 45 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. The fire broke out at 5 o'clock this morning over the boilerroom, and Mr. Howe was among those citizens who lent the

firemen a hand. He has been working from his heart the excitement and upon reaching the department will conduct the arrangements.

The proprietor of the hotel, hearing of the guest who had been killed, immediately sent an amount of money to the family of the deceased. The amount was \$100.00.

TUG PILOT

UP TO VANCOUVER

Steamer Broke Towed From To

Georgia

The tug Pilot, Capt. Scarff, picked up the steamer Cottage City, which was disabled on Sunday in the Gulf of Georgia on Sunday and towed her to Seattle yesterday.

The Cottage City left Seattle for Lynden on Friday in command of Capt. Jansen, with 28 passengers and 700 tons of freight, on her first trip since being repaired at the Mota yards in consequence of her previous accident due also to the breaking of a tall shaft. On that occasion she was picked up by the tug William Jollie, of the British Columbia Salvage company, which found her off Bella Bella awaiting the tug Escort No. 2, which had been sent from Vancouver for her. The Cottage City was off Comox on Saturday morning, and was not to sail for some days, will take the run of the disabled vessel. The cargo will be transferred today.

Before departing some alterations with reference to the sound of the whistle of the Cottage City, which emitted a somewhat rasping blast, were made, though over the protest of Capt. Jansen, who with the superstition characteristic of a sailor insisted that the change would bring ill luck.

During the work some one suggested that the whistle be transferred altogether to the company's steamer Governor, whereupon Capt. Jansen declared if such should be done the Cottage City would have to go out under command of some one else.

THE FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION

London Times.—At the grounds of the Franco-British exhibition at Shepherd's-bush, Lord Selby and other members of the executive committee received a large company who were invited to view the progress which has been made with the works. Among those present were Sir R. Bumbold, Mr. F. Swettenham, Mr. K. Curzon, M.P., Mr. E. Wason, M.P., Mr. J. Straus, M.P., Mr. Findlay, M.P., the Agent-General for British Columbia, the Turkish consul, Sir Roger Parkington, Mr. Imre Kiralfy, and Sir J. Thorneycroft. The reception was held in the Palace of Women's Work, which is nearing completion. This was the first opportunity which many of the members of the various committees connected with the promotion of the exhibition have had of seeing what progress has been made with the buildings and grounds, and, despite the weather, which was most unfavorable, a tour was made of the "palaces," some of which have now reached a stage which shows that they will soon justify the name in outward semblance. Every week that passes marks a difference in the skeleton steel buildings which are being rapidly clothed in concrete, and it is anticipated that some of the buildings will be ready shortly after the New Year. Among the buildings seen were the Halls of Industry and of Agriculture, the Court of Arts, and the Colonial Halls. The greatest interest was manifested in the stadium, where the Olympic games are to be held. The two ends of the vast arena, with their tiers of seats, are now erected; on the last occasion when a reception was held at the grounds, only one end of the arena was erected. The work upon the two sides has now begun. The turf which has been laid in the centre is getting into good condition, and the cinder tracks for running are made, though the cycling track with the necessary banking is not yet finished. The swimming "pond" is completed. The stadium

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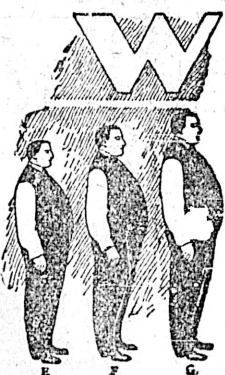
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New York, Dec. 30.—The eventful financial year drew towards its close with activity in stocks today under the restraint of reasonable circumstances. Call money rates went higher, but the advance was not so violent as had been feared. The extent of the actual calling of loans seemed to be small. No effective obstacle was interposed, therefore, to the marking up which was being pursued in the interest of year-end showing in balance sheets and investment holdings of institutions.

A complicating factor in the money market was the notice from the secretary of the treasury to the national banks in New York that they would be expected to pay over ten per cent. of the government deposits held in daily installments covering the next ten days, the first payment having been made on Saturday. This means a daily requirement of from \$700,000 to \$800,000, the government deposits in New York banks standing at some \$78,000,000. The condition of the treasury working balance, which had run down to the vanishing point, seems to have left the secretary no alternative to the drawing on depositors for cash, although the apparent exemption of banks outside of New York from the demand was the occasion of some comment.

There is a growth of confidence in the rate of improvement in the money situation which is to be expected after New Year's. The London market was strongly impressed by the absence of outside competition for the weekly gold arrivals, which all went to the bank of England at a reduced rate. Discount receded sharply in London, and an early reduction in the bank of England official rate is considered assured. Berlin also marked down its discount rate, and there was a violent decline in the sterling rate at Paris. This series of events was due, as much as to anything, to the rapid decline towards extinction of the premium on currency in New York.

The action of the day's call loan market gave some feeling of assurance that even the temporary needs of the yearly settlements might be passed without notable disturbance of the money rate. Railroad traffic officials were quite candid in admitting that the decline in traffic had exceeded their expectations, and that they could not perceive the sources of any immediate restoration of activity there. Intimations go with these returns of declining traffic of plans for economies in proportion, the inference following of large reductions in the demand for

equipment facilities by the railroad companies. The day's gains were fully retained at the closing.

Bonds were firm. Total sales par value, \$2,722,000. United States twos declined a half per cent. on call.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.
New York, Dec. 30, 1907.
Open. High. Low. Close.

Amal. Copper	47 1/4	48 1/4	47 1/4	48
Am. Car. Fdy.	31	31 1/2	30 3/4	31 1/2
Am. Cit. Oil	28 1/4	28 3/4	28 1/4	28 3/4
Am. Locom.	105	106 1/4	105 1/4	106
Am. Smelters	70 1/2	72 1/4	70 1/2	71 1/4
do	92	92 1/2	92	92 1/2
Anaconda	29 1/4	29 3/4	29 1/4	29 3/4
Atchafalpa	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
do	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
B. and O.	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
do	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
B. R. T.	15 1/4	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Cent. Leather	15 1/4	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
C. F. and I.	19 1/4	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/2
C. and O.	30 1/4	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2
C. and G. W.	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
C. M. and S. P.	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
C. T. and T.	5	5 1/4	5	5 1/4
Erie	16 1/4	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Gen. Elec.	116 1/4	116 1/2	116 1/4	116 1/2
Int. Paper	8 1/4	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
L. and N.	92 1/4	92 1/2	92 1/4	92 1/2
Mo. Pac.	46 1/4	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/2
N. Y. Cent.	90 1/4	90 1/2	90 1/4	90 1/2
N. P.	118 1/4	118 1/2	118 1/4	118 1/2
Penn.	110 1/4	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2
People's Gas	79 1/4	79 1/2	79 1/4	79 1/2
Pressed Steel	18 1/4	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2
Reading	94 1/4	94 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/2
Rock Island	15 1/4	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
do	28 1/4	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2
S. P.	74 1/4	74 1/2	74 1/4	74 1/2
do	109 1/4	109 1/2	109 1/4	109 1/2
do	13 1/4	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
do	36 1/4	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/2
Union Pac.	119 1/4	119 1/2	119 1/4	119 1/2
U. S. Steel	26 1/4	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 1/2
do	88 1/4	88 1/2	88 1/4	88 1/2
Wabash	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
do	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Total sales	397,200			
Money on call	closed at 6 per cent.			

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Bid. Asked.

Alberta Coal and Coke	39	40
B. C. Copper Co.	2 1/2	2 3/4
Burton Saw Works	115	125
Canadian Can. S. and R.	65.00	66.00
Caribou Camp McKinney	1 1/2	2 1/4
Dominion Copper Co.	1.60	2.00
Granby	70.00	100
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	90	100
Imperial Trust Co.	100	105
Portland Canal	13 1/2	25
Rembley Caribou	13 1/2	25
Sullivan	5	6 1/2
Western Corporation	75.00	100
Western Oil Co.	1.00	

Cour D'Alene Stocks.

Alameda	2 1/2	3
Charles Dickson	2 1/2	3
Gentle	2 1/2	3
Humming Bird	4 1/2	6 1/2
Idora	3	5
Missoula Copper	6	8 1/2
Nabob	2 1/2	3 1/2
O. K. Con.	1	2
Ooni Paul	5 1/2	8
Rex	13 1/2	16
Sunny Storm	1.02	1.07
Stewart	50	100
Tamagane, and Chesapeake	45	75
Wonder	1	1 1/2

Sales—1 Burton Saw at \$120.
3 Imperial Trust at \$105; 3 Imperial Trust at \$105; 4 Imperial Trust at \$105.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.
Chicago, Dec. 30, 1907.
Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat No. 2	107 1/4	107 3/4	107 1/4	107 3/4
July	99 1/4	99 3/4	99 1/4	99 3/4
Corn No. 2	60	60 1/4	59 3/4	60 1/4
July	53 1/4	53 3/4	52 3/4	53 1/4
Oats No. 2	53 1/4	53 3/4	52 3/4	53 1/4
July	45 1/4	45 3/4	44 3/4	45 1/4
Pork	12.60	12.60	12.40	12.45
Jan.	13.25	13.25	13.12	13.12
May	13.25	13.25	13.12	13.12
Liverpool Wheat	7s. 10 1/2 d.	7s. 10 1/2 d.		

MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Granville street, Vancouver.

Sellers.	Buyers.
Montreal	230
Moisons	182
Union	156
Royal	225
Nova Scotia	212
Merchants	155
Commerce	125
Commer.	164
Twin City	81 1/2
Mont. Heat and Power	86 1/2
Ottawa	112
Montreal Street Railway	130 1/2
Toronto Street Railway	94 1/2
Dominion Coal, com.	39 1/2
Dom. Iron and Steel, com.	16 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	55 1/2
Can. Pac. Ry., Montreal	154 1/2
Can. Pac. Ry., London	156 1/2

Prices of Metals.

New York, Dec. 30.—Pig iron quiet; northern \$16.50 to \$18.50; southern \$16.50 to \$18.50; lead, quiet, \$3.50 to \$3.60; tin dull. The metal exchange today showed all grades of copper advanced from 1/4 to 1/2 of a cent per pound, making lake 13 1/4 to 13 1/2, electrolytic 13 1/4 to 13 1/2, and casting 13 1/4 to 13 1/2.

Wheat in New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—There was a bad smash in wheat today, following enormous selling for the leading bulls at Chicago. Prices here broke three cents a bushel, partly on bearish Liverpool and Argentine news, and closed weak at 2 1/4 to 3 1/4 cent net decline. December closed 105 1/2; May 114 to 114, closed 111 1/2; July 103 1/2 to 104 1/2, closed 104 1/2.

Five men were killed by compressed air in the Metropolitan subway in Paris, and sixty-five miraculously escaped.

THE LOCAL MARKETS.

Retail Prices.

Flour.	
Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00

Wild R. Calgary, 11.75; Hungar, 11.75; Snowbird, 11.75; Moffet's, 11.75; Drifted, 11.75; Three Star, 11.75.

Brans, per Short, 30.00; Feed, 32.00; Barley, 37.00; Hay, 31.00; Cornmeal, 38.00; Whole Corn, 27.00; Middlings, 26.00.

Celery, four Lettuce, hot Garlic, per Onions, local Potatoes, local Squash, per Vegetable, 10 to 25; Green pepper, 30; Chili pepper, 4; Pumpkin, 4; Cauliflower, 15 to 25; Cabbage, 5; Red Cabbage, 5.

Eggs—Fresh Island, 70; Cooking, 40; Canadian, 25; Neufchatel, 25; Cream, local, 10; Manitoba, 35; Best, dairy, 40; Victoria Creamery, 50; Dairy, 50; Butter, 30.

Fruit—Quince, 10; Oranges, 30 to 50; Lemons, 30; Figs, 8 to 10; Apples, 2.00 to 2.25; Bananas, 20; Pears, 25; Raisins, 15; Grapes, 15; Pineapples, 1.25 to 1.50; Cranberries, 20.

Meat and Poultry—Shr. 25 to 30; Ham, 5 to 10; Pig, 12 1/2; Lamb, 15 to 20; Beef, 12 to 15; Pork, 12 to 15; Chicken, 12 to 15; Turkey, 12 to 15; Duck, 12 to 15; Geese, 12 to 15.

Births, Marriages, Deaths.

DIED.—In this city on the 29th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mary Jane Smallwood, beloved wife of David Smallwood, aged 33 years, a native of Walkerton, Bruce County. The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the residence of her father, W. Y. McCarter, Esq., 646 Henry street, and from thence to Ross Bay cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Catherine Cole, late of Metchoshin and latterly of Victoria, B. C., deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 31st day of January, 1908, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory Declaration. After such date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law. Dated this 31st day of December, 1907. M'PHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN, Of Davie Chambers, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS (Too late for Classification)

LOST—On Christmas night, between Vancouver and St. Charles Sts., a heavy gold ring, with initials C.B. One hundred dollars reward on return to Queen's hotel. d31

WANTED—Immediately, junior resident teacher, 725, News-Advertiser, Vancouver, B. C. d31

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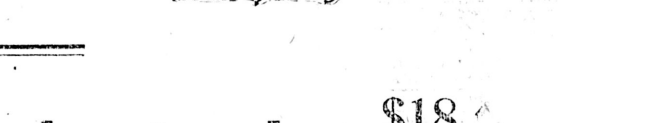
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POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.
FOR SALE—Chestnut mare, about 1,200 lbs., good quiet driver. Box 597, Colonist.

FOR SALE—One fresh calved Jersey cow and calf, one 4 year old cow due to calve first of February; one Holstein heifer; also good piano, cheap. Apply Mrs. Bayley, Old Esquimaux Road. 425

FOR SALE—A young Jersey bull, 1 year old, full markings, good nature, green, cheap. Jos. Johns, Cory Road. 427

WANTED—To purchase, Black Minorca, Plymouth Rock or Brown Leghorn pullets of good strain; lowest price and particulars. Box 348, Colonist. d7

FOR SALE PROPERTY
FOR SALE—An acre, high, dry and right on car line, well inside city limits, good neighborhood; for \$2,250. Terms. Box 904 Colonist. d31

FOR SALE—Six roomed Bungalow, including large bath, water pump, etc. Sewer connection, hot and cold water, electric light and gas, furnace, concrete foundation, full-sized lot, near Dallas Road, Beacon Hill and car line. Furniture for sale also. Owner going East. Geo. Homer, 40 Government Street (new number). d28

FOR SALE—Two new 10-roomed houses, off-Fort St., four bedrooms, reception hall, separate bath and w.c., large front porch, conveniently arranged. \$4,500. Terms, bargain. T. E. Crellin, 55 Boyd St. 423

WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—Girl to assist with two children and general housework. Apply 1036 St. Charles St., after 11 a.m. d29

WANTED—MALE HELP
TEACHER wanted for the eighth division Ladysmith public school; must have normal training. Apply J. St. John, art, secretary, Ladysmith. d28

GOOD PAY—Men wanted everywhere to truck signs, distribute circulars, samples, etc. No canvassing. National Dist. Bureau, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—A salesman and collector. Apply 1214 Broad St. d14

WANTED—Married man (no children); experienced farm hand and good milkster. Wife good cook. Apply to G. T. Corfield, Corfield, B. C. d12

WANTED—Reliable carriers, having horses, to deliver the Colonist in Oak Bay and Victoria West districts. Must be thoroughly familiar with said districts and be at the Colonist office before 5 a.m. Very profitable work for time engaged and a good slide line for those having a couple of hours or so to spare in the early morning. Apply at the Colonist office after 4:30 p.m. Ask for the circulation manager. n30

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE
AS HOUSEKEEPER, English, widow, age 32, good appearance, experienced, good plain cook, hotel or private. Please state full particulars. Address Box 591, Colonist. d28

WANTED—Englishwoman, certificated cook, requires position as housekeeper to gentleman, thoroughly experienced, part passage paid. "Rosenau" Bushy Hall Road, Bushy, England. d29

AN ENGLISH LADY wishes a position as governess in Victoria or will give lessons daily in conversational French, German, music, and painting. Apply Box 601, Colonist. d29

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
WANTED—Bookkeeper, double entry, 5 years' experience, wants position in city. Apply Colonist office Box 605. d31

YOUNG ENGLISHMAN, nine years' reference from the Old Country, requires position of trust, work of any kind; used to handling men, understands stock gear; testotator. Box 607 Colonist. d31

WANTED—A night clerk for hotel; only those of experience need apply. Apply drawer 732 City P. O. d28

WANTED—A thoroughly competent accountant desires position as head bookkeeper. Can draw up balance sheets, conduct audits of accounts for private firms or companies, organize office staffs and inaugurate correct system of book-keeping. Open to an immediate engagement. Would be willing to advise upon and open up new set of books for trade firms desirous of having an efficient system of accounts until such clients were competent to continue books correctly. Box 555, Colonist. d28

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WANTED—The present predicament of a young Englishman necessitates the want of immediate work, mental or physical; educated, strong and active. References. Box 811 Colonist. d5

YOUNG Japanese boy wants light housework. Main object is to learn English. Apply to M. Koda, 617 Horwood St. d27

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TO LET—Furnished rooms. 949 Fort St. d20

TO LET—Bed room and sitting room, furnished. 170 Fernwood Road. d17

TO RENT—Furnished room. Apply 1479 Fort St. d5

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TO RENT—Belmont Avenue, off St. Charles Street—roomed house, modern improvements. Particulars on application, to The Stuart Robertson Co., 36 Broad Street. d22

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WANTED—Small farm or suburban home of 7 rooms; furnished. Rent for six months in advance. Box 608 Colonist. d31

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By order of the Board.
J. W. de C. O'GRADY,
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Winnipeg, 25th November, 1907.

Carey Road, Dec. 23rd, 1907.
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Hon. J. H. Turner Interviewed in London Upon His Return From B. C.
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The following interview with Mr. Turner appears in the columns of a recent issue of the *Financial and Bullionist*, of London, Eng.:
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Prior to taking up his present position in London, Mr. Turner had lived for nearly forty years in British Columbia, and was, therefore, in a position to make comparisons. "During my mercantile pursuits in Victoria in 1863," he was thrice mayor of that thriving town, and was sent to represent it in the Legislative Assembly of the province in 1886. A year later he became Minister of Finance and Agriculture, and succeeded to the Premiership in 1896. For thirteen consecutive years he introduced the Budget, and in 1888 changed the financial system of the province by issuing three per cent inscribed stock in London. His long connection with the treasury and with the agricultural department admirably fit him to represent the province in London.
"The trade of British Columbia," he said, "is the largest in the world per head of population, and that population is growing every year. Since I left in 1901, Vancouver has increased from about 40,000 to at least 75,000—some put it at 100,000—and Victoria and other towns have advanced proportionately. Railway development is going on apace. The Great Northern company is running into the Boundary country, the Canadian Pacific is extending its lines in the Similkameen district, and also on Vancouver Island, and the Grand Trunk Pacific is working steadily at the northern part, towards Port Rupert."
"Then there ought to be plenty of openings for both capital and labor?"
"There are splendid openings for capital in fruit farms, dairying, deep-sea fishing, mining and timber—especially in regard to the timber resources—and, of course, labor is very much needed."
"What is the government doing to introduce immigrants? Are there any free passages?"
"No. The government has made an arrangement with the Salvation Army to take out a large number of emigrants—principally farm laborers and domestic servants. The first party will be sailing in February next. There may be some miners amongst them. The government give the Salvation Army a bonus, and they take the risk. It would cost in the ordinary way, to take out a large number of emigrants, to go out to British Columbia by the Colonies, £23, and they are taking the emigrants right through from England to any part of British Columbia for £16. That includes everything on the train as well as the steamer. The climate is perfection, and I know of no place so well suited for the British emigrant as the Colony I have the honor to represent."
"What have you to say, Mr. Turner, about the progress of the mining industry?"
"Mining in British Columbia is now a settled condition; it is likely that the output for the present year will exceed that of 1906, which was greater than in any previous year. Steady work has been going on in the Bowron country; the Phoenix mines are turning out over 3,000 tons daily, and the adjoining smelter at Grand Forks is reducing at least 3,500 tons daily and turning out blister copper. The smelter at Greenwood is also steadily working, using the ore from the adjoining mines. At Rosedale, the Le Roi, Centre Star and other mines in the vicinity area also working full time, or were when I left, and making a very large output. The same may be said of the Canadian Pacific smelter at Trail. In East Kootenay, at the St. Eugene mine, a very large amount of ore was being raised. The old smelter near Pilot Bay was being put into working order, and a large force was ready on the spot for renewed working in the Similkameen, Kamloops and other points on the mainland, and on Vancouver Island and much ore being brought to bank. Coal is being mined in the Province, particularly in the Crow's Nest Pass and on Vancouver Island, was very ac-

live, and the demand great. In the last-named district it was found impossible in October to keep up a supply equal to the requirements, and everything indicates a most prosperous mining season for the Province."
"Good. I believe British Columbia produces nearly 30 per cent of the total mineral output of Canada."
"Yes; that is why it has been named 'the Mineral Province.' The mining laws are framed on a very liberal scale, the fees being much lower than those of the other Provinces."
"And the lumber industry?"
"It is developing satisfactorily. Of the total forest area of Canada, estimated at 1,657,600,000 acres, British Columbia has 182,750,000 acres. There are between 100 and 150 sawmills in the province, big and small, and about \$15,000,000 of capital are invested in the industry. The outlook for this business is extremely favorable."
"Judging from the magnificent display of fruit on exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Society's hall at Westminster last week, that industry must also be doing well?"
"Very well indeed. Twelve years ago British Columbia did not produce enough fruit to supply her own population. Today she has secured a prominent place in the British market. The fruit was placed first amongst the exhibits and was awarded a gold medal. It was the finest display yet shown in London. There are plenty of opportunities for young people with capital to start in this industry. A man with £500 could commence very fairly, but many start with less than that, and work up."
"Then, altogether British Columbia is to the front?"
"In every way. Its splendid climate makes it so very attractive. The farmers in Manitoba are buying land in British Columbia, both at Vancouver Island and on the mainland, simply because the opportunities for diversified farming are practically unlimited, the demand for every product being ever on the increase."

MUSIC AND DRAMA
"The Lion and the Mouse"
"The Lion and the Mouse" drew one of the largest and most fashionable audiences that has assembled in the Victoria theatre during the present season. It is a very strong play, with a number of very interesting situations. It was beautifully staged. The leading roles were taken as follows: Shirley Rossmore, the heroine, by Miss Dorothy Donnelly, an actress of more than common ability, who seems admirably fitted to speak the many very clever lines which the playwright puts in her mouth. Jefferson Ryder, the hero, although his part is subordinate in a sense by Mr. James Corley, who makes a capital young fellow with plenty of money and a will of his own, and John Birket Ryder, the multimillionaire, by Mr. Paul Everett, who sustained his somewhat boisterous part excellently, although it must be somewhat difficult for the average actor to know just how a man with unlimited millions would speak and act, even with the assistance of no clever a dramatist as Mr. Charles Klein. The play went very smoothly and elicited a great deal of hearty applause. The amusing roles are not very prominent, but they are sufficient to keep up the interest. As a play, "The Lion and the Mouse" is well thought out, and the dialogue is nearly all of a very high order in point of brightness. There has been nothing cleverer produced recently than the conversation between Miss Rossmore and Mr. Ryder, senior, in the second act. The play deserves the popularity which it enjoys and the company which Mr. Harris has got together does it full justice.

Characters in "Strongheart"
Every college boy will recognize in "Strongheart," the play of Columbia varsity life in which Ralph Stuart is the principal character, many familiar types. William C. De Mille, the author who is a Columbia boy, has written cleverly of the life he knows and a glance at his characters show many of the well known figures of college life. Foremost, there is Strongheart, the collegebred Indian, in whom Mr. Stuart has won a signal success. He is a "P. G." His companions are respectively, a senior, a junior, a special, a senior by courtesy, a soph, a freshe, a sport, a coach, a grind, a back, a trainer, a rubber and a mascot. All of these are played by actors carefully selected for the roles they assume. There is little doubt that collegians will recognize and commend the faithfulness to life of the portrayals.
"Strongheart" comes to the Victoria theatre Thursday evening next.

Stanford Glee and Mandolin
The Stanford Glee and Mandolin clubs will show in Victoria theatre Friday evening. The attraction is undoubtedly the best one of its kind on the coast. The clubs are made up entirely of students who have been training for months for the present tour.
The concert ranges from the supremely classic music to the popular airs of the day. Such well known composers as Victor Herbert and Richard Carle are drawn upon for numbers.
The Stockton Mail has this to say of the Stanford boys:
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of college glee clubs its irresistible charm. College men of all ages sat convulsed with mirth, filled with memories, and proudly recalled the days when they joined in similar endeavors, and the boys and girls gave way to the hilarity of the occasion and vociferously applauded the clever work of their contemporaries.
There has not been a more enjoyable concert presented by the young men of Stanford on any of their tours, and it is a pleasure to note that they were given a reception both cordial and substantial.
The honors as between the two clubs belong rather to the Mandolin club, which did the finest work of its kind ever heard in Stockton. In the splendid breezy volume of tone, the absolute unity of action, the superb crescendos, general style and finish, the numbers played by the captivating strings were notable.
The Glee club is in good form, especially in the bass, and sang with plenty of spirit and excellent attention to shading and expression.
Mr. Kellogg, the raconteur, with his manner that defies description, his clever mimicry and dramatic power, won the instant friendship of the house, and performed a long list of selections infinitely. Everybody went down before Bernard and Bradford, the two funny men, who have an infinite variety of "stunts" at their command.

"The Man of the Hour"
Theatregoers who have been reading so much for the past year of "The Man of the Hour" will have an opportunity of seeing Wm. A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer's production at the Victoria theatre Saturday evening next, with a special company of players and complete scenic production.
In the New York Evening Telegram of December 5, in the review of "The Man of the Hour" the writer says: "Not since the days of 'The Senator' has a play been presented with such brilliant promise of success as 'The Man of the Hour.' The other New York newspapers in their reviews were equally fulsome. The Herald referred to the play as 'a sensation.' The World, as a straight fronted sheet, said: 'The Tribune is one of the most auspicious successes of the year.' The Evening Journal as 'a howling success.' The News says, 'it will last.' The Press, 'The Man of the Hour' is likely to live for many years.' 'It is a success.' The Post, 'The Man of the Hour' fulfills all the requirements of an honorable theatrical function.' 'Gloriously triumphant in every detail.' In the Mail, Frederick & Edward McKay refers to the production 'as one you had better go and see' and in the Telegraph, Renold Wolfe says, 'Success loomed up like a big capital S.' John Corbin in his review in the Sun, said: 'The Man of the Hour' bids fair to be a very great success,' and Charles Darnton in the Evening World remarks that 'The Man of the Hour' is direct and vigorous. With such lavish praise it is little wonder that 'The Man of the Hour' is playing to capacity business in every city it has so far visited.

Bernard Shaw's Philosophy
Bernard Shaw began his journalistic career at the age of twenty by solemnly announcing to an indifferent public that he was an atheist; he will probably end it one of the most deeply religious and truly constructive forces in the world today. For behind Shaw the dramatist and Shaw the social politician is the all-pervasive thinker and philosopher of whom the "G. B. S." of our newspaper paragraphs is but a comic mask. "G. B. S." he himself confesses, "gets on my nerves and hares me, except when he is shouting, 'What is the working out something solid for me, or saying what I want said.' Like Aristotle and Heine, with whom he is akin, Shaw laughs at his own cleverness, serious, unlike them, he is more the practical philosopher than either wit or dramatist.
Shaw believes that the shaping force inherent in life—God, Universal Will, Superconsciousness, whatever we may call it—can only work its will through man when man at last becomes not only intelligent but truly wise. "I tell you," he makes his Don Juan say, "that as long as I can conceive something better than myself I cannot be easy unless I am striving to bring it into existence or clearing the way for it. That is the law of my life. That is the working within me of Life's incessant aspiration to higher organization, wider deeper, inner self-consciousness, and clearer self-understanding."
Shaw may well be called an apostle of the era of will, of that new theology which expresses neither the fear nor the love of God, but rather the endeavor to perform the will of God.—Current Literature for December.

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